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Green-Heald Line

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Residence of Dr. Maurice Fremont-Smith.
called "John William Heald house",
was once a tavern.
Built 1771.

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Residence of Dr. Maurice Tremont-Smith.

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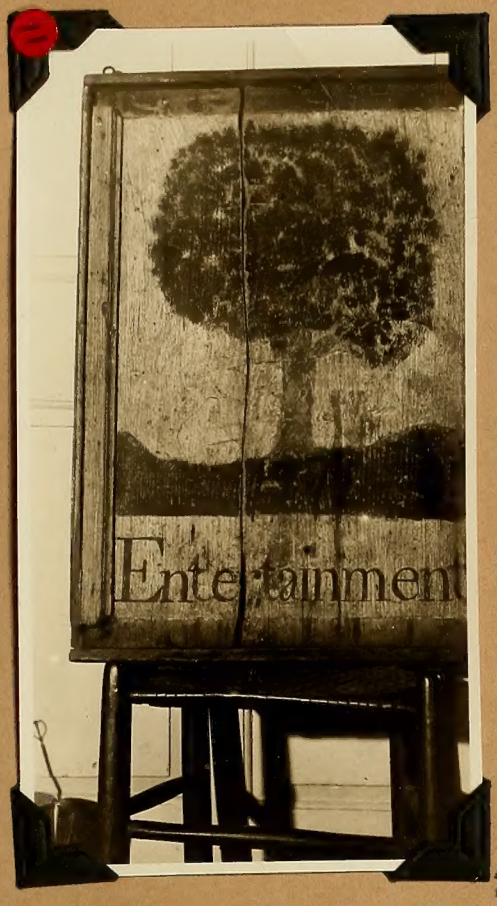
Showing the Tavern Sign Board.

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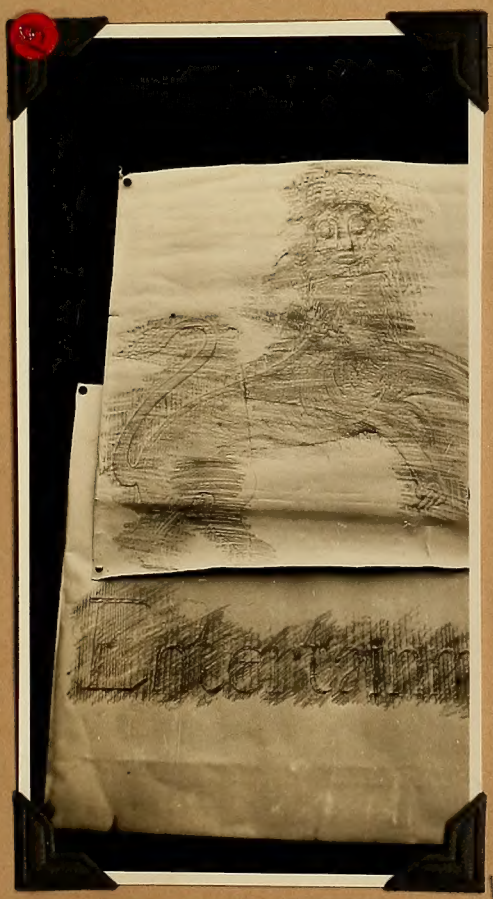
The old tavern sign.



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The carved lions over which the Elm trees are painted.

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The elm from which the sign of the Red Lion Tavern once hung. The scar shows where the branch was located, which came out over the road.

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Residence of Mr. Martin Borey, 1934, after its removal from original site; formerly the Red Lion Tavern.

The Red Lion Tavern
also called "The Heald Tavern" and "John William Heald House".
now the residence of Maurice Fremont-Smith, M.D.
West Street.
Built 1771, probably by Captain John Heald.

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The John William Heald house, once an old tavern, is situated on West Street which formerly was the through road from Groton to Concord. Drovers, stage coaches and travellers of all sorts came this way, finding ample inducement to remain here for refreshment and rest. The big barn across the road, used to house the stage horses and coaches, was later used in common with Deacon Joseph Heald on the adjoining farm, after coaching days were past, as a hay barn.

From a low branch of the big Elm tree beside the barn and visable for some distance to approaching travellers, swung the old wooden tavern sign whose fantastic red lion announced "Entertainment", together with the date of the building, 1771. The branch, which came out over the road has since blown down, but the scar on the trunk can be plainly seen.

The original sign, an interesting relic, may be found today in the home of Dr. Maurice Fremont-Smith, the present owner of this former tavern. It is almost square made of a wide board, now weathered and cracked, with a moulding around the edges to prevent warping. On each side is a green elm tree, now almost black, painted over a carved lion beneath which is the word "Entertainment" 1771. The lion, rampant, in bas relief, is crowned, suggesting the times before the Revolutionary War when the allegiance of the people was to the English Crown. The name "Red Lion Tavern" indicates that the first symbol was once painted red, but no trace of that color remains. Two John Healds, father and son, were in the Colonial army and upon their return from the victorious conflict, established this inn. They evidently found it expedient to change the royalist emblem by painting it over with a green Elm tree, before hanging it again on its American prototype and proceeding with the tavern business, this also being more in accordance with their altered sentiments.

Inside the house, a good part of the "entertainment" was found at the bar, which, according to an old account book dated 1797, dispensed no less than eleven different kinds of liquor: flip, sling, egg pop, cider, punch, wine, toddy, New England rum, West India rum, gin and brandy—— which were paid for in pounds, shillings and pence.

The immense fire places —— and there were many — made jovial firelight for guests, and the large ovens produced a wealth of hearty, appetizing food. Affairs of state were discussed at length around the cheerful tables, as travellers came and went and the clink of mugs continued well into the night. Patriotism was a common topic in which all were vitally interested. Loyalty to local government was exemplified in Lieut. John Heald[5], being one of the first selectmen in Carlisle, and Capt. John Heald[7] being for six years Representative to the Massachusetts General Court.

The Healds were an intensely patriotic family. Many of its members gave loyal service first to the Crown and later to the cause of American freedom.

Captain John Heald[6], born April 27-1746 and died Oct. 31-1816, was probably the builder of this tavern. He married Mary White, Dec. 19-1771, daughter of the Hon. Mark and Anna (Chamberlain) White of Acton, and established himself as the inn-keeper. His father, Lieut. John Heald[5], who had lived with his family in the Scott house over the Acton line, not far from the Detsch farm, is known to have come to the tavern after his valiant service in the Revolutionary War, and probably died here. His wife, Elizabeth Barrett, in her widowhood, went to Pepperel to live with relatives and died there, being burned to death as result of a fall into the fire. Both of these men, Lt. John Heald[5] and Capt. John Heald[6], the latter an ensign at the age of twenty, had eventful military lives. A detailed record of the service of Lt. John Heald[5] can be found following this historical sketch.

The Acton history says: "John Heald[(6)], ensign, entered the Continental Army and rose to be Captain; lived on John Nickles place (later the Scott place) and after the war kept tavern on the Westford and Concord road under the great elms where John Heald died a few years since, and where his son William now lives. His daughter Lydia gave me a letter to Ensign John dated at Ticonderoga, March 20 - 1776

for his wife, directed to Lieut. John Heald, his father, who was also in the Revolutionary war."

The sword carried in the war by one of these men is still in existence and a photograph of it may be seen on a following page.

Capt. John Heald[6], builder of the tavern, and his wife Mary White, both buried in North Acton, had nine children:— Abel, born 1772, John[7], born March 3-1774, Mary, born 1775, Abel, born 1777, Anna, born 1779, (Deacon) Joseph, born 1780, Esther, born 1783, Paul (the Bugler) born 1785, Lydia, born 1791.

Capt. John Heald, Jr.[7], son of John[6] and Mary (White) Heald, was born March 3-1774 and died Oct. 16-1839. He married Dorcas Green of Carlisle, Jan 1-1801, daughter of Nathan and Lois (Conant) Green, born March 17-1779 and died Nov. 18-1862. They also are buried in the North Acton cemetery. They had eleven children, three sons and eight daughters.

John Heald[7], Esq. was Representative to the Massachusetts Legislature for six years, 1818, 1821, 1823, 1826, 1827 and 1830

His son, William Green Heald[8] was born in Carlisle June 14-1802 and died Oct 12-1878. He married, in Carlisle, Hannah Page Nutting, daughter of Amos and Hannah (Heald) Nutting, who was born Aug. 14-1817 and died Sept. 6-1893. Their two children were Sarah Adaline, b. June 29-1847, and John William[9], born May 6-1849. These families lived in the ancestral home and the son John William Heald[9] was the last of the line to occupy it.

"In the year 1844 or 1845, a company of ladies from the Orthodox Church were invited to spend an afternoon with Mrs. Dorcas Heald (in this house) when it was proposed to start a society to aid in the support of the minister. The names of the five ladies who were present and agreed to this proposal were: Mrs. Dorcas Heald, Mrs. William Heald, Mrs. Dea. Joseph Heald, Mrs. S. T. Fletcher, and Mrs. Thompson wife of the Pastor at that time." This Society was known as the Ladies Benevolent Society and was later changed to the Congregational Ladies Social Circle. This marks the founding of that society which has endured and been helpful to the Church for nearly a century. The Heald women were members as long as they lived and Mrs John William Heald left a legacy to the Social Circle and also to the Church.

Sunday School has also been held in this house, to accomodate

those too far from the Church building to attend during the winter months.

The tall clock, bequeathed by John William Heald to the Gleason Public Library was once a trusty time keeper in this old house. It had formerly belonged to his great grandmother Hannah (French) Heald, and had ticked off the hours for four generations of this family. Another fine tall clock from this same tavern house, coming down from the Heald side, is now in the possession of Mr. Arthur Robbins, a descendant. Miss Carrie Robbins has an interesting relic produced by one of the Heald women who lived here. It is a tan and brown hand loomed coverlet of original design, of which no duplicate was ever made.

John William Heald[9], born May 6-1849, died in Carlisle, Aug. 14-1924. He married, Oct. 17-1874, Mary A. Carker who was born in Westford, Mass, Oct. 8-1850 and died in Chelmsford, Mass, May 10-1928. They had no children. As John William Heald became elderly and his health failed, he and his wife gradually ceased to work the old farm. A second family occupied the ell part of the house, while Mr. & Mrs. Heald kept the eastern part for themselves. This was filled with many heirlooms of the Heald family — brass candlesticks, lovely old dishes, a paisley shawl, stuffed birds under a glass globe, Windsor chairs and countless other objects handed down from generation to generation. What was fondly called "The John Alden chair" was a handsome old Windsor arm chair, and another which looked frail but proved to be one of the heaviest Windsor thumb-back chairs I ever lifted, was a source of great fun, as people tried to move it, unaware of its actual weight. I believe it was made of lignum vitae, one of the heaviest of woods, from which ship's wheels were often made.

Mrs. William Heald survived her husband several years, and during this time she very graciously told me about the old name "Red Lion Tavern" and showed me the scar on the tree across the road where the branch had been on which the tavern sign hung and creaked in the wind.

The date that the tavern went out of existence, as such, is not known, but it was followed by a general store kept probably in the ell. Eventually this also was discontinued and it became a private residence with its front flower garden

fenced in by orderly white pickets, enclosing rambling beds of tiger lilies, magenta phlox, lavender, columbines, mignonette, rosemary, ladies delights and variegated Euphorbia, or snow-on-the-mountain as it was more commonly called. A root of this riotous Euphorbia was taken up by Mrs. Heald and transferred to my own garden and has become a pleasant reminder of her old fashioned sweetscented plot.

The building is substantial, serene old structure with first floor plan essentially the same as other houses of that period. Upstairs, however, the arrangement was different. Numerous rooms opened on both sides of a long corridor or "entry" running lengthwise of the house, which of course was to allow for the entertainment of many guests.

In 1929 the property was purchased by Dr. Maurice Fremont-Smith, a surgeon of Boston, who had modernized it and made it attractive for a summer residence. All the rooms have been kept in the spirit of the old days.

On a door in the old north kitchen hangs the weathered tavern sign which came back here through the thoughtful courtesy of Mr. Arthur Robbins of Boston, into whose hands it had fallen.

Much charm has been added to the door-yard by the restoration of the well which has been stoned up above ground and the well sweep replaced.

Sometime in the past there must have been a road going from this farm where the bars are located across from the house and not far from the scarred elm, down through the fields and woods, past the "Judy Farm", the former residence of Judah Wheeler, emerging on South Street near the home of Miss Carrie Robbins. It is used now only as a bridle path, being largely on the estate of Dr. Lawrence K. Lunt, another old Heald farm.

Purchased by Martin Borey
Prof. of English at Harvard Univ.
Lecturer

Sept. 1933------

**Carlisle**

DO you know this little New England village adjoining Concord on the North and only 18 miles from Boston? Here old 18th century houses can still be found unchanged. I have one for sale now which has had modern conveniences installed. 3 bathrooms. Philgas for cooking, etc. It has a picket fence surrounding the yard, a well with old sweep, a garden, barn and 30 acres land. Apply to

Mrs. D. A. Baldwin *Real Estate in Concord.*
**Tel. Concord 451**

A dated brick marked 1720 was found in the chimney foundation of this house when Mr. Martin Borey was making removals and restorations in 1934. If this indicates the year the house was built, it antedates any history which we have been able to find regarding it.

Heald.

I John Heald ( -1662) m. Dorothy Royal-
One of the first settlers of Concord; came from England as early as 1635.

II Sergeant John Heald ( -1689) m. 1661 Sarah Dean

III Lt. John Heald (1666-1721) m. 1690 Mary Chandler
Selectman of Concord.

IV Lt. Deacon John Heald (1693-1775) m. 1715 Mary Hale
First Selectman of Acton. Lived on Scott place, Acton, Mass.
Moderator of first town meeting of Acton
Said to have been Lieut. on Lexington Alarm Roll.

V Lt. John Heald (1721-1810) m. 1745 Elizabeth Barrett
Selectman of Carlisle, Lived at Red Lion Tavern after the war.
In Revolutionary War

VI Capt. John Heald (1746-1816) m. 1771 Mary White
Builder of Red Lion Tavern
Had varied service in Revolutionary War.
Was Ensign at 20
At Ticonderoga - 1776.

VII John Heald, Esq. (Capt. John Jr.) (1774-1839) m. 1801 Dorcas Green
Representative from Carlisle, 6 yrs. Lived in Tavern house.
Selectman of Carlisle 11 yrs.

VIII William Green Heald (1802-1878) m. 1842 Hannah Page Nutting
Lived in Tavern house

IX John William Heald (1849-1924) m. 1874 Mary A. Parker.
The last Heald to live in the Tavern house.

# Heald Genealogy — John William Heald line.

## I

John Heald[1], emigrant, came from Berwick-on-the-Tweed, England, and settled in Concord, Massachusetts in 1635. He died May 24-1662. He married Dorothy Royal who survived him.

Children :-

1. John Heald[2], Jr. died June 17-1689; m. June 10-1661 Sarah Dean, d. July 17-1689, dau. of Thomas & Elizabeth ( ) Dean of Concord. See "Savage" Vol II, p. 50. (Shelby Hollow Cem.)
2. Timothy, m. 1663 Sarah (p. 528 Stiles Hist. of Windsor, calls this name Mary) Barber, b. July 19-1646, dau of Thomas & Joan ( ) Barber. See "Savage" Vol I, p. 116, also Vol II.
3. Hannah, d. Aug. 14-1689, m. May 18-1658 John Spalding, b. 1633, d. 1721, aged 88, son of Edward & Margaret ( ) Spalding of Chelmsford. See Spalding Memorial, p. 20.
4. Amos
5. Ebenezer
6. Samuel
7. Ephraim
8. Thomas, b. Jan 19-1650, d. 1725, m. 1675 Priscilla Markham, dau. of William & ——— (Graves) of Hadley (See Gen. Reg Vol III pp. 152-153 & 245) m. 2nd time(?) Dec. 30-1714 Mary Miller (see Hinman Vol V p. 268)
9. Benjamin
10. a daughter who died
11. Dorcas, b. June 22-1645, d. June 1-1650
12. Gershom, (Gersham) b. March 23/5 1647, d. May 13-1717, m. May 6-1673 Ann Vinton, b. April 4-1656, d. Sept. 4-(1678 or) 1698, dau. of John & Ann ( ) Vinton. See "Vinton Memorial" p. 14, also "Shattuck's Concord" p. 374; and "Savage" Vol II p. 30.
    Gershom[2] changed spelling to Hale and removed to Springfield, Mass, and his descendants are there to this day. (see further account.)
13. Dorothy, b. Oct. 16-1649
14. Isaac, b. 1655, d. 1717, m. 1697 Elizabeth ----
15. Israel, b. July 30-1660, d. Sept. 1738, m. Martha Wright (See record of George Tolman of Concord, Mass. p. 67, also Shattuck's Concord, p. 44.)
    Israel[2] changed name to Hale and went to Stow, Mass.

16. Dorcas.

Because of lack of dates, the above children of John Heald, Emigrant, are all out of proper order, even if they were all his. The list is taken from the notes of William Henry, the best Heald authority.

II

Sergeant John Heald[2], eldest son of John[1] and Dorothy (Andrews?) Heald, came to America with his parents and grew to manhood in Concord, Mass. He died June 17-1689. He was m. June 10-1661 to Sarah Dean, dau. of Thomas & Elizabeth (  ) Dean of Concord, Mass. She survived him one month and died July 17-1689. Their children were:-

1. Elizabeth, b. April 15-1664, m. John Abbot
2. John[3], b. Sept. 19-1666, d. Nov. 25-1721, m. Dec. 18-1690, Mary Chandler, b. March 3-1672, d. Aug. 14-1756, dau. of Roger & Mary (Simonds) Chandler. See Shattuck's Concord, p. 367; "Savage", Vol I p. 358; also Hudson's History of Lexington, Mass. p. 36, of Genealogies.
3. Gershom, b. March 1-1668, m. Feb. 19-1690, Hannah Parlin, dau. of John Parlin, Sr. of Concord, Mass. See Shattuck's Concord, pp. 374, 381.
4. Sarah, b. Dec. 18-1670.
5. Eunice, b. March 16-1673.
6. Hannah, b. Oct. 16-1676
7. Dorothy, b. July 10-1679.

III

Lieut. John Heald[3], b. Concord, Mass, Sept 19-1666, and died there Nov. 25-1721. From 1711 to 1715 he was a member of the Concord board of Selectmen. On Dec. 18-1690, he m. Mary Chandler, born in Concord March 3-1672, dau. of Roger & Mary (Simonds) Chandler. She died Aug. 14-1756 having been the mother of ten children. Shattuck's History of Concord, p. 66 says:-"April. 1689, Sir Edmond Andros became so unpopular that the people assembling in Boston, seized and confined him. A company went from Concord, under Lieut. John Heald." Children:-

1. Mary, b. Aug. 18-1691, d. Jan. 5-1754, m. May 12-1718, John Parlin, Jr. son of "John Parlin of Concord who d. Feb. 24-1750 aged 84." and of his wife Mary who d. March 14-1739. See Shattuck's Concord p. 381, 71 1/12. See Concord Burying Ground.

2. John[4], b. Aug. 18-1693, d. May 16-1775, m. 1718 Mary Hale, b. 1697, d. Sept 1-1758 (her name was originally Heald). Shattuck says "John, Deacon in Acton" p. 374.
3. Timothy, b. June 7-1696, d. March 28-1736, m. 1721 Hannah ------ Timothy is buried in Hill Cemetery, Concord.
4. Josiah, b. Feb. 28-1699, d. May 26-1733; m. Sarah Newrington, d. March 21-1731; killed by Indians at Fryeburg, Maine.
5. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 12-1701, m. June 1-1737 Zachariah Emory.
6. Samuel, b. May 4-1705, d. April 18-1784, m. June 9-1742, Rebecca Fletcher, b. Nov. 13-1717, d. Sept. 11-1807, dau. of Hezekiah & Mary (Wood) Fletcher of Concord (went to New Hampshire, settled near Walpole) was in Carlisle, Mass. March 3-1755. He d. from burning when trying to save his son John from a burning building. See Shattuck's Concord, p. 321, 324, 328.
7. Amos, b. May 23-1708/9, d Jan. 4-1775, m. 1731 Elizabeth Billings, d. March 1779, dau. of Daniel Billings of Concord. See "History of Concord" p. 364, ibid p. 71, ibid p. 294; Shattuck's Concord, p. 194 says:- "Amos Heald was elected Deacon, Oct. 24-1751, also Deacon at Lincoln and town where he died." (Townsend)
8. Ephraim,[4] b. Feb. 19 (22?) 1711, m. Eleanor Robbins, b. Dec 17-1707
9. Dorcas, b. Aug. 22-1713, m. Jan. 28-1735, William Fletcher, b. Dec. 15-1710, d. July 4-1760, son of above Hezekiah and Mary (Wood) Fletcher. See "Fletcher Family", p. 236. (Brother of Rebecca Fletcher, wife of Samuel Heald.)
10. Eunice, b. 1717

Lieut. John[3] and his wife Mary are buried in the Hill Burying Ground, Concord, Mass. His estate inventoried £781, 13s. 4p.

It is thought that John Heald[3] was the builder of the ell portion of the Ambrose Heald house (1712) now the home of J. Philip Detsch on Acton St. Carlisle.

IV

Deacon John Heald[4] (also Lieut.) was born in Concord, Aug 18-1693. He settled in Acton, Mass., and in 1737 was, with Joseph Fletcher, chosen a Deacon of the Church. He d. May 16-1775 and is buried with his wife in the North Acton Cemetery. He married his ~~second~~ cousin, Mary Hale, about 1718. She was b. April 28-1697 and d. Sept 1-1758.

After Acton, Mass., was set off as a separate town in 1735 (see "Barber" p. 347) Deacon John Heald was appointed by the legislature to call the first town meeting & was made first selectman.

Children :-

1. Martha, b. April 4-1718, m. May 24-1738, John Barrett, son of Jonathan & Lydia (  ) Barrett of Chelmsford, Mass., who came there from Braintree. See Barrett decendants in N. E. Hist-Gen. Register for July 1888, by Joseph Hartwell Barrett, A.M. of Loreland, Ohio.
2. Mary, b. June 14-1718 (?) (another authority gives 1719)- m. May 24-1738, Jonas Robbins.
3. John Heald[5] (Lieut) b. Feb. 12-1721, d. Oct. 26-1810, m- July 18-1745 Elizabeth Barrett, a sister of above John. She was b. Feb. 17-1726, d. Oct. 31-1823.
4. Sarah, b. Nov. 2-1722, m. Nov. 10-1744 Jonas Hildreth of Chelmsford, Mass.
5. Joseph, b. Sept. 12-1724, unmarried, killed by the Indians. (see Add. & Corr. by W. T. Heald of Pepperell, Mass.)
6. Lydia, b. Nov. 12-1726, m. Nov. 12-1749 Jacob Robbins.
7. Oliver, b. July 24-1729, d. Sept. 23-1733.
8. Dorothy, b. Nov. 25-1731, m. April 28-1753, Nehemiah Davis.
9. Oliver, b. April 6-1734, d. Jan 21-1790, m. Dec. 2-1760 Lydia Spalding, b. Aug. 20-1737, d. March 18-1803, dau. of Dea. Isaac & Sarah (Barrett) Spalding of Chelmsford, Mass. who removed to Townsend.
10. Israel, b. Aug. 16-1736, d. Oct. 28-1815, m. Dec. 30-1760 Susannah Robbins, b. 1738, d. Jan 8-1822.
11. Asa, b. 1738
12. Ruth, b. March 1-1740, m. Sept 1-1759 James Faulkner of Acton, Mass.

V

Lieut. John Heald[5], eldest son of Deacon John[4] and Mary (Hale) Heald, was born Feb. 12-1721, d. Oct. 26-1810; was one of the first Selectmen of Carlisle. He was an industrious farmer and when past middle life abandoned his plow to espouse the cause of American freedom. He had an eventful military life. (record given elsewhere) He married, July 18-1745 Elizabeth Barrett, b. Feb 17-1726, d. Oct. 31-1823 in Pepperell, Mass; daughter of Jonathan & Lydia (  ) Barrett of Chelmsford, Mass, who came there from Braintree, Mass. See Barrett descendants in New. Eng. Hist. Gen. Register for July 1888, by Joseph Hartwell Barrett, A. M. of Loveland, Ohio.

Elizabeth Barrett was a descendant of Thomas Barrett, the immigrant, through John and Jonathan.

Children:-

1. John[6], b. April 29-1746, d. Oct. 31-1816, m. Mary White, Dec 19-1771, b. March 20-1748, d. March 7-1835, dau. of Hon. Mark & Anna (Chamberlain) White of Acton.
   Builder of the Red Lion Tavern now the residence of Dr. Maurice Fremont-Smith, West St. Carlisle.
2. Lydia, b. Dec. 5-1748, m. 1785, Nathaniel Thatcher
3. Joseph, b. Nov. 27-1751
4. Ebenezer, b. June 30-1754, d. April 23-1814, m. Sept 6-1779 Marah White
5. Jonathan, b. Aug. 28-1757, d. Dec. 28-1816, m. { Sarah Brown / Hannah French
6. Jonas, b. April 2-1760, m. Anna Wilkins Jan 6-1785, dau. Jim° & Mary.
7. Abel, b. Sept. 13-1764 d. Aug 27-1771

VI

Capt. John Heald[6], b. April 29-1746, d. Oct. 31-1816, son of Lieut. John[5] and Elizabeth (Barrett) Heald, m. Mary White Dec. 19-1771 dau. of Hon. Mark and Anna (Chamberlain) White of Acton, b. March 20-1748, d. March 7-1835. Both are buried in the No. Acton Cemetery. Capt. John Heald[6] probably built the Red Lion Tavern or Heald Tavern, Carlisle, now the residence of Dr. Maurice Fremont-Smith. He was a Revolutionary Soldier.

Children:-

1. Abel, b. Acton, Oct. 21-1772, d. in infancy.
2. John[7], b. March 3-1774, d. Oct. 16-1839, m. Dorcas Green.
3. Mary, b. Dec. 10-1775, d. in infancy.
4. Abel, b. March 11-1777, d. in infancy.

5. Anna, b. Jan. 18 – 1779
6. Joseph (Deacon) b. Sept. 6 – 1780, d. Feb. 29 – 1872 aged 91
   m. (1st) Mary Proctor, May 17 – 1804 (or March 16 – 1804)
   (2nd) Hannah (Wilkins) Nutting, June 20 – 1839
7. Esther, b. Jan. 21 – 1783, m. Sept. 30 – 1804, Aaron Robbins
   m. (2nd) Silas Hartwell, Dec. 25 – 1823.
8. Paul, b. Aug. 20 – 1785,
   m. April 21 – 1807, Sally Nutting, dau. of Amos & Sarah (Heald) Nutting.
   He was a bugler on the U.S.S. "Constitution".
9. Lydia, b. May 20 – 1791, d. Carlisle, July 9 – 1878, aged 87 y. 1 m.

VII

John[7] Heald, Jr. (Capt.) b. March 3 – 1774, d. Oct. 16 – 1839, son of John[6] and Mary (White) Heald; m. Dorcas Green of Carlisle, Jan 1 – 1801, dau. of Nathan and Lois (Convant) Green, b. March 17 – 1779, d. Nov. 18 – 1862. He was Representative to the Legislature for six years, 1818, 1821, 1823, 1826, 1827 and 1830.
There were eleven children:

1. William Green,[8] b. June 14 – 1802, d. Oct. 12 – 1878, m. Hannah Page Nutting, Dec. 1 – 1842.
2. Susan, b. April 5 – 1804, m. Dec. 2 – 1824, Charles Goddard of Grafton, Mass., son of Perley and Lucy (Herrington) Goddard. 10 children.
3. Fidelia, b. Aug. 6 – 1805, m. (int) Jan. 12 – 1828, Cyrus Wheeler of Acton, Mass., son of Lt. Phinehas and Hannah (  ) Wheeler (m. Jan. 27 – 1803). Fidelia d. No. Acton, March 4 – 1898.
4. Esther, b. May 10 – 1807, m. April 24 – 1827, Hiram Thompson of Lowell, Mass.
5. Adeline, b. Dec 6 – 1808, d. April 29 – 1811.
6. Caroline, b. Aug 1 – 1810, m. Dec. 15 – 1832, Asa Melvin of Concord, Mass. 6 children.
7. Elbridge, b. June 10 – 1812, d. Aug. 14 – 1839.
8. Mary Wilkins, b. Sept. 4 – 1814, d. April 30 – 1896.
9. Harriett, b. Feb. 4 – 1816, d. April 12 – 1903, m. ..... Crombie.
10. Lois C. b. Sept. 20 – 1818, m. Abner Hosmer of Acton, April 26 – 1840.
11. John,[8] b. July 29 – 1821, d. Aug 6 – 1874 aged 53.

VIII

William Green Heald[8], b. Carlisle, June 14-1802, d. Oct. 12-1878, son of John[7] and Dorcas (Green) Heald; m. Dec. 1-1842, in Carlisle, Hannah Page Nutting, dau. of Amos and Hannah (Heald) Nutting, b. Aug. 14-1817, d. Sept. 6-1893.

Children:-

1. Sarah Adaline, b. June 29-1847, d. July 30-1920
   m. Oct. 3-1880 George Henry Harris
2. John William[9], b. May 6-1849, d. Aug. 14-1924; m. Oct. 17-1874, Mary A. Parker

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John William Heald[9], b. May 6-1849, d. Aug. 14-1924, Carlisle; son of William Green[8] and Hannah Page (Nutting) Heald; m. Carlisle Oct. 17-1874, Mary A. Parker, b. Westford, Mass. Oct. 18-1850 and died in Chelmsford, Mass. May 10-1928. There were no children.

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1. Dorcas, wife of John Heald, died Nov. 18-1862 aged 82.

2. John Heald, Esq. died Oct. 16-1839 aged 65.

3. John Heald, died Aug. 6-1874 aged 53. Son of John and Dorcas (Green) Heald.

North Acton Cemetery, Acton, Mass.

photographed by Mrs B. P. Wilkins.

Dorcas Green, dau. Nathan and Lois (Conant) Green
b. March 17-1779
m. Carlisle, Jan 1-1801 Capt. John Heald, Jr.[7] (b. March 3-1774, d. Oct 15 or 16-1839, son of Capt or Lieut. John[6] Heald)
d. Nov 18-1861.
children, all born in Carlisle:-
1. William Green Heald, b. June 14-1802 - d. Oct 12-1878 - m. Carlisle Dec 1-1842 Hannah Page Nettuig (b. Aug 14-1817, d. Sept 15-1893 dau. Amos Heald and Hannah (Heald) Nettuig)
Had- 1. Sarah Adaline Heald, b. Jun 29-1847, m. George H. Harris at Acton Mass. Oct 3-1881, d. July 30-1920. He d. Feb 18-1913
2. John William Heald, b. May 6-1849, m. Oct 17-1874, Mary A. Parker of Westford, d. Aug 14-1924.
2. Susan Heald, b. April 5-1804, m. Dec 2-1824 Charles Goddard of Grafton, Mass.-(b. Grafton, Nov 5-1800, son of Perley and Lucy (Herrington) Goddard
Children, all born in Grafton-
1. Susan Augusta Goddard, b. Jan 20-1826, d. Aug 27-1828
2. Josiah Goddard, b. Aug 14-1827, d. Sept 10-1828
3. Esther Goddard, b. Nov 26-1828
4. Charles Goddard, b. July 31-1830
5. Lucy Goddard, b. Dec 17-1832, d. May 20-1849
6. Perley Goddard, b. Aug 6-1834
7. Josiah Augustus Goddard, b. Sept 20-1836.
8. Harriet Baldwin Goddard, b. Nov. 3-1838
9. John Heald Goddard, b. Sept 20-1842
10. Mary Ellen Goddard, b. Aug. 25-1847.
3. Fidelia Heald, b. Aug 6-1805 m. (pub. Jan 12-1828) Cyrus Wheeler of Acton, son of Lieut. Phinehas & Hannah (  ) Wheeler, m. 1803.
4. Esther Heald, b. May 10-1807, m. April 24-1827, Hiram Thompson of Lowell, Mass.
5. Adeline Heald, b. Dec 6-1808, d. April 29-1811
6. Caroline Heald, b. Aug 1-1810, m. Dec 15-1832, Asa Melvin of Concord. (b. Aug 11-1804, d. Aug 5-1858, son of Samuel and Sarah (Davis) Melvin) and had, all born in Concord;-
1. Asa Heald Melvin, b. Sept 26-1834, d. June 16-1864
2. Caroline Melvin, b. Jan 16-1836, d. Feb 7-1863.
3. Mary Melvin, b. May 12-1838
4. John Heald Melvin, b. July 27-1841, d. Oct 13-1863
5. Samuel Melvin, b. April 9-1844, d. Sept 25-1864
6. James Crombie Melvin, b. April 17-1848, d. Jan 19-1915

(over)

7. Elbridge Heald, b. June 10-1812, d. Aug. 14-1839
8. Mary Wilkins Heald, b. Sept 4-1814, d. April 30-1896.
9. Harriet Heald, b. Feb 4-1816, d. April 12-1903.
10. Lois C. Heald, b. Sept. 20-1818, m. April 26.-1840 Abner Hosmer of Acton, Mass.
11. John Heald, b. July 29-1821., d. Aug 6-1874 aged 53 (no. Acton Cemetery)

# Military Service
## Heald.

| Name | Service | Authority. |
|---|---|---|
| Serg. John Heald (2) ( -1689) | King Philip's War | Learitt, p. 421 See also Drury tree. |
| Lieut. John Heald (3) (1666-1721) | Lieut. Military Co. at Concord raised for wars with Indians. Went to Boston with his Co. in Andros Revolt. | Learitt, p. 422 See Fletchers "Acton" in Hurd's "Middlesex". |
| Lt. Deacon John Heald (4) (1693 - May 1775) | Moderator first town meeting of Acton. First selectman of Acton. Said to have been Lieut. on "Lexington Alarm Roll". | "Fletchers "Acton". Also Centennial Address, Adams, 1835. Drury says Deacon also called Lieut. |
| Lieut. John Heald (5) (1721-1810) | In Revolutionary War. | Fletcher's "Acton" in Hurd's Middlesex. p. 263. |
| Capt. John Heald (6) (1746-1816) | Varied Service Ensign at 20 At Ticonderoga 1776 | See above. |
| Jonathan Heald (6) (1757-1816) | Private in Revolutionary War. | "Massachusetts Soldiers & Sailors p. 654. |
| Capt. Israel Heald (5) (1736-1822) | | |
| Timothy Heald (6) (1762-1813) | Enlisted before coming of age as Capt. Israel, his father collected £125 toward his bounty. | Town records Acton. |
| Capt. Samuel Heald (5) (1743-1829) | Varied Service in Revolution | Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls. Shattuck, p. 324 |

# Lieut. John Heald[3]

"In 1689 Sir Edmund Andros as Governor, had exerted himself to procure the overthrow of the Charter, which was revered by the people, and Andros undoubtedly acting under instructions from the home government, declared all the land titles null and void. Did the Colonists urge a purchase from the Indians? He answered that he cared no more for an Indian signature than for a scratch of a bear's paw. Then the Colonists rose as almost one man to defend their homes and the rights of Englishmen, and on the 19th of April - 1689, the Concord people despatched their military company to Boston under the Command of Lieut. John Heald, to assist in the revolt. The revolution was accomplished without bloodshed."

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"The attack upon Fort Sumpter on April 12-1861 opened the war of the rebellion, and when Pres. Lincoln called for 75000 troops, fifty Concord men left their homes April 19-1861, just 86 years from the time their fathers stood in arms at the old North Bridge, and twice 86 years from the time that John Heald led their fathers to Boston to assist in the Andros rebellion."

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Excerpts from a paper "Early Colonial Days" by Mrs Caroline Melvin Conant, a descendant of John Heald.

John Heald[4] (Drury Chart)

Lieut. and Deacon-

{ John Heald[4], b. Concord about 1693, d. May 16-1775 aged 82.
son of Lt. John[3] and Mary (Chandler) Heald.
{ Mary Hale (also spelled Heald), b. April 27-1697 d. Sept 1-1758
dau. of Israel Heald and Martha Wright, his wife.

Married in 1715.

Children:-

1. Martha, b. April 4-1718, m. May 24-1738, John Barrett, son of Jonathan + Lydia ( ) Barrett of Chelmsford, Mass.
2. Mary, b. June 14-1718 (?), m. May 24-1738, Jonas Robbins
3. John[5] (Lieut.) b. Feb. 12-1721; d. Oct. 26-1810; m. July 18-1745, Elizabeth Barrett, a sister of the above John. She was b. Feb. 17-1726, d. Oct. 31-1823
4. Sarah, b. Nov. 2-1722; m. Nov. 10-1744, Jonas Hildreth of Chelmsford, Mass.
5. Joseph, b. Sept. 12-1724; unmarried; killed by Indians. (see Add. + Corr. by W. J. Heald of Pepperell, Mass.)
6. Oliver, b. July 24-1729, d. Sept 23-1733.
7. Dorothy, b. Nov. 25-1731; m. April 28-1753, Nehemiah Davis.
8. Oliver, b. April 6-1734; d. Jan. 21-1790, m. Dec. 2-1760 Lydia Spaulding, b. Aug. 20-1737, d. March 18-1802, dau. of Dea. Isaac + Sarah (Barrett) Spaulding of Chelmsford, Mass, who removed to Townsend.

Bloods History of Temple, N. H. says:- "Oliver, m. Lydia, dau. of Deacon Isaac Spaulding of Townsend, Mass. and came to Slipstown (Temple, N. H.) 1759. He settled on Lot 4, R. VII. "So great was the distance then considered and the means of communication so limited that his friends despaired of ever seeing him again." He d. Jan. 21-1790 aged 56. His wife died March 1802 aged 65. He had eleven children: Daniel, triplets (three daughters) d. in infancy, Amos, David (who graduated from Dartmouth College 1793) (Memb. of N. H. Bar.) Lucy, Lydia, Asa, Abigail, Abigail.

9. Israel, b. Aug. 16-1736; d. Oct. 28-1815, m. Dec. 30-1760 Susannah Robbins, b. 1738, d. Jan 8-1828.
10. Asa, b. 1738
11. Ruth, b. March 1-1740, m. Sept 1-1759, James Faulkner of Acton, Mass.
12. Lydia, b. Nov 12-1726, m. Nov. 12-1749, Jacob Robbins (over)

(out of order)

"Shattuck" says, p. 284/5: "John Heald, on Church Committee at Acton, March 14-1776" (this must be John[5] as John[4] died in 1775) "Chosen Deacon, Dec. 15-1738." (this is John[4])

After Acton, Mass. was set off as a separate town in 1735, (see "Barber" p. 347) Deacon John Heald was appointed by the legislature to call the first town meeting.

Deacon John[4] and his wife, Mary Hale are buried in the North Acton Cemetery.

John Heald[5] (Drury Chart)

Lieut. John Heald[5], b. Feb. 12-1721, Acton; d. Oct. 26-1810,
eldest son of Deacon John[4] and Mary (Hale) Heald.
Elizabeth Barrett, b. Feb 17-1726 d. Oct. 31-1823, Pepperel, Mass
dau. of Jonathan and Lydia ( ) Barrett of Chelmsford Mass
married July 18-1745 [coming there from Braintree, Mass]
children:-

1. John[6], b. April 29-1746; m. Mary White, dau. Hon. Mark White.
2. Lydia, b. Dec. 5-1748, m. 1785 Nathaniel Thatcher.
3. Joseph, b. Nov. 27-1751, (another authority says Nov. 29-1752,)
   d. June 21-1832
   m. May 1777 Elizabeth Hobart (b. June 18-1753-
   d. Jan 21-1843)
4. Ebenezer, b. June 30-1754, m. Marah White, dau. Hon. Mark White
5. Jonathan, b. Aug. 28-1757 (of Carlisle)
6. Jonas, b. April 2-1760, m. Jan 6-1785, Anna Wilkins,
   dau. of Timothy and Mary (Chamberlin) Wilkins
7. Abel, b. Sept. 13-1764, d. Aug 27-1771.

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Elizabeth Barrett was of So. Chelmsford, and a Baptist.
For Barrett family, see Barrett descendants in N.E. Hist. & Gen. Register for July 1888, by Joseph Hartwell Barrett, A.M. of Loreland, Ohio.

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White family.

Mary White and her sister Marah White, daughters of Hon. Mark White and her wife Anna Chamberlain, married two brothers, John Heald[6] and Ebenezer Heald[6], respectively, sons of John[5] and Elizabeth (Barrett) Heald. The White family lived in Braintree Mass, but removed to So. Chelmsford and afterward to Westford. A part of So. Chelmsford was taken to form Westford.

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The Revolutionary sword belonged to one of the John Healds who was in the war, presumably John,[5] who married Elizabeth Barrett. He had an eventful military life covering service both to the Crown (King George III) in 1765, and later, five years (1775-1780) in the Colonial Army.

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The John Heald Sword.

Used in the War of the Revolution, (presumably) by Lieut. John Heald[5] (1721–1810), but possibly by John Heald[6] (1746–1816) who was a Captain in the same war. Captain John Heald was the builder of the Red Lion Tavern, now the residence of Dr. Maurice Fremont-Smith on West Street, Carlisle.

Copy of Commission appointing
John Heald of Acton
Lieutenant of a Military Company
in that town
1765.

probably, 5
(John Heald - 1721-1810)

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Francis Bernard, Esq;
Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and
over His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts
Bay in New-England, and Vice Admiral of the same-
To John Heald Gent^n Greeting.

By virtue of the Power and Authority in and by His Majesty's Royal Commission to me granted to be Captain General, &c over His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay aforesaid I do by these Presents (reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage and good Conduct) constitute and appoint You the said John Heald to be Lieutant of a military Company of Foot, in ye town of Acton, whereof Samuel Hayward is Captain, & in the Regiment of Militia, in ye County of Middlesex, whereof Elisha Jones Esq. is Colonel-

You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of a Lieutenant (----- torn -------) in leading, ordering and exercising said Company in Arms both inferior (------ torn -----) Soldiers and to keep them in good Order and Discipline and they are hereby commanded to (------ torn ------) as their Lieutenant and you are yourself to observe and follow such Orders and Instructions as you shall from time to time receive from your Captain, or other your Superior Officers, (---- torn ------) military ------ & Discipline, pursuant to the trust reposed in you-

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Boston, the Fifteenth Day of March In the Fifth year of the Reign (torn ----) Majesty King George the Third, Annoq: Domini 1765.

By His Excellency's
Command-
Jn^o Cotton D. Secry.

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This original commission is in the possession of Mrs John Henry Conant, Brookline, Mass.

The portion with the King's signature has been torn off, unfortunately-

War record of Lieut. John Heald[5].

"Lieutenant in Capt. John Hayward's Co. of minute men, Col. Abijah Pierce's Regt; marched on Alarm, April 19-1775, five days."

"Lieutenant in Capt. William Smith's Co. list of officers of Col. John Nixon's Regiment."

"list of men serving on picket guard under Major Baldwin, dated May 23-1775. Resolved in Committee of Safety at Cambridge, June 5-1775, that said officers be approved and recommended to Congress for commissions; ordered in Provincial Congress June 5-1775 that commissions be delivered said officers."

"1st. Lieut. in Capt. Smith's Co. Col. Nixon's regt. muster roll dated Aug 1-1775; Engaged April 24-1775, services 3 m.-15 d."

"Company returns dated Sept. 30-1775."

"2nd. Lieut. Capt. Israel Heald's Co. Col. Ebenezer Brook's regt. service 6 days. Company marched from Acton to Roxbury, March 4-1776."

"1st Lieut. Capt. Simon Hunt's 5th. Co. Middlesex Co. regt. of Militia list of officers commissioned March 7-1776."

"Lieut. Capt Josiah Parker's Co., Col. Jonathan Reed's regt., rations allowed from July 11-1776 to Nov. 30-1776, credited 143 days allowance."

"Sept. 22-1777, he was one of a volunteer company of 63 men, from Concord and Acton, commanded by Col. John Buttrick, he being lieutenant under Col. Reed, leaving Concord Oct 4, passing through Rutland, Northampton, &c; arriving at Saratoga on the 10th, encamping two days. On the 13th they went to Fort Edward and on the 14th and 15th on scout duty. The 16th they brought in fifty-three Indians and several Tories (one of whom had 100 guineas) and some women. On the 17th the company went to Saratoga where they witnessed the surrender of Burgoyne's army. They then guarded the prisoners to Cambridge. $206.00 were subscribed to encourage these men, besides the bounty specified in the table."

"March 7-1780 he was 1st Lieut. of a Company in 3rd Regt."

John Heald.[5]

"In Feb. 1776 a new organization of the militia was made and John Heald, Jr. (m. Elizabeth Barrett) was 1st. Lieut. in the Concord Company. They left Concord Oct 4 - passed through Rutland and Northampton and arrived in Saratoga on the 10th where they encamped two days. The 13th they went to Fort Edward, the 14th and 15th went on a scout and the 15th brought in 53 Indians and several Tories one of whom had 100 guineas. "The 17th we had an express" says Deacon White's journal, "to return to Saratoga, and had the pleasure to see the whole of Burgoyne's army parade their arms and march out of their lines. A wonderful sight indeed. It was the Lord's doing and it was wondrous in our eyes. We guarded Burgoyne's troops to Cambridge, five companies marching before and four behind."

(From an historical paper written by Mrs John Henry Conant and read before the Old North Chapter, D. A. R. - Boston.)

Capt. John[6] Heald

From Acton, Mass. History.

"John Heald, ensign, entered the Continental Army and rose to be Captain; lived on John Nickles place (later the Scott place) and after the war kept tavern on the Westford and Concord road under the great elms where John Heald died a few years since, and where his son William now lives. His daughter Lydia gave me a letter to Ensign John dated at Ticonderoga, March 20 - 1776 for his wife, directed to Lieut. John Heald, his father, who was also in the Revolutionary war."

Letter from John Heald to his wife. (John Heald[6] 1746-1816)

Cambridge, July the 6, 1775.

Loving wife

These lines come to let you know that I, through the goodness of God to me, am well, and I hope these lines will find you well. I have been in imminent danger, but it is God that has preserved me in time of battle, and I beg that God will make us both thankful, and I beg that you remember me every day to God that I may be kept from sin, and permitted to come and see you again. May we put our trust in God at all times, and if we are not permitted to see one another here in this life I beg that it may please God to bring us to see one anothers faces in Heavensabove where all tears shall be wiped away. And so I remain

Your loving husband John Heald Jun.

(Note. Washington took command of the army at Cambridge July 3rd. 1775.)

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Letter from John Heald. (John Heald[6] 1746-1816)

Ticonderoga, Oct. 22-1776.

I have one opportunity to write to you, and desire that we both might be kept thankful for the favors given us of God.

I have the favor of God to let you know that I am well as I have been for some time back. I have the fever and ague as yet.

I hope these lines will find you and yours well. I have received four pounds of butter and four pounds of sugar. The enemy is at Crownpoint and it is thought they will make an attack upon us every day. Our duty is hard, for the soldiers are obliged to turn out two or three times a night. It is thought there was not more than sixty men killed of the fleet. There is eleven of our vessels destroyed, and taken by the enemy. I dont write no more for this time and so remain. Your loving husband

John Heald Jun.

(over)

Capt. Joshua Parker has lost four men of his company. There is a great many men that is poorly. It is not so dying a time as has been. The fever and ague is abated a great deal. I am not so poorly but that I do set up the greater part of my time.

John Heald.

Copy of an original letter written by John Heald to his wife, 1776, now in the possession of Miss Abbie Conant, Brookline, Mass. (John Heald[6] - 1746-1816)

" Ticonderoga November the 20/1776
I Hare the farer of God to you my
Loren wife that I am well I Hope
thes lins well fiend you and yous well
Time beein short I shant right now news
Ouer feack are a Gooing Hum
a crost the wodes
and the Rest of ous are to
march By the way of olberney
and so no more
and I do Remen your Loren
Husben John Heald Jr[2] "

[ Ticonderoga, November the 20/1776.
I hare the Faror of God to you my
Loving wife that I am well. I hope
these lines will find you and yours well.
Time being short I shall not write no news.
Our (Jack?) ---- are a going home
across the woods
and the rest of us are to
march by the way of Albany
and so no more.
And I do remain your loving
Husband John Heald Jr. ]

Letter addressed to Lieut. John Heald of Acton.

From the John Heald Tavern accounts.

Miss Carrie Robbins has an old account book used at the Tavern now the residence of Dr. Maurice Fremont-Smith. From the various entries one would get the impression it was a place where many kinds of liquor were dispensed, where horses were procured for little journeys, and where cider was milled and wood sold. In the years 1797 to 1827 the visible records do not show much in the way of groceries and nothing in the way of sewing materials.

The book has been used as a scrapbook since the days of its usefulness as an account of sales, and most of the writing is covered with pasted articles of prose and poetry. Yet some very interesting items are listed and in a very few cases, a whole account can be found.

In the roster of liquors the following names are given:
a mug of tody, 1s 2d, to one mug flip 1s 2d, 1 mug punch 1s 6d. gin eggs + wine 9d, New England rum, a quart 1s.6d. one mug sider 5d, one gill of brandy 8d, half mug of pop 9d, mug of egpop and two brecfasts, 3s, for egg pop and sling 5s, mug of sider + Biscuit 7d, punch and cake 1s 3d. three buttons of tody 11d, half point W. I. rum (West Indian) + horse 1s, mug bitters, one gill, 7d.

This gives a good idea of the variety of drinks used and sold. At the cider mill, various neighbors made their beverage and these entries appear, although the figures are not all carried out.

" Sider made at our mill
Timothy Brown made ten bbls _____ 10
Nathan Parlin made eight bbls _____ 8
made eight bbls ourselves (John Heald, Jr) ____ 8
Nathan Parlin made ____
Samuel Bointo(n) made ____
Elizah Davis ____ "

The cost of travel is suggested in the prices asked for horses and vehicles to go to various towns.

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|---|---|---|
| " for horse + waggon to concord | $ 0:45 | (date covered up) |
| to horse + waggon to concord | 0:25 | " |
| to oxen + waggon to concord | 0:75 | " |
| to horse + waggon to Boston | 0:75 | " |
| for chaise to lexington | £ 1:0:0 | " |
| for chaise twice to concord | 1:0:0 | Oct - 1812 |
| for horse cart to westford + lincoln | 0:4:4 | (Oct 30-1806) |
| for teaming four bushels salt from Charlestown | 0:4:0 | (Feb 3-1810) |

The records of wood prices may be shown by the following entry:

" Mr John Blanchard, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Oct. 1812 | to seven and half feet wood - | $ 2=81 |
| Dec. 1812 | to one coard of wood | 3=00 |
| January 16-1813, | to one coard of wood | 2=84 |
| the 22 | to seven feet of wood carried to J.J.H | 2=63 |
| February the 17 | to one coard of wood | 3=00 |
| June | to a load wood | 2=25 |
| August | to a half dozen pigeons | 0=15 |
| December 18th | to one hundred bushels coal | 10=00 |
| May | to one dozen pigeons | 0=40 " |

It is likely that much of the foodstuffs used by the housewives was raised on the farm and the Tavern accounts showed more largely the social propensities of the men. In the following account, only part of it is given, the remainder being pasted over. It will serve to show how little was spent here for anything but drink.

" Carlisle November 28 1798

Mr simon Wheeler's Acompt Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| for slay & mug of tody | £ 0:2:8 |
| for mug & button of flip | 0:1:4 |
| for meet tub | 0:6:0 |
| for one gill of sling | 0:0:7 |
| for half point Brandy | 0:0:9 |
| for a point N. E. Rum | 0:0:9 |
| for a half mug of tody | 0:0:7 |
| for Slay to concord | 0:1:6 |
| for one quart W. I. Rum | 0:2:3 |
| for mug & half flip | 0:1:1 " |

I find other entries which indicate the possibility of purchasing groceries at different times and of other odd activities. In one place the price for digging a grave was $1, coffin 2.83.
Nails were 12 cents a pound and a side of leather cost $3.50.
It is to be regretted that most of the accounts are entirely covered over. The book seems to be the property of John Heald, Jr. with dates of accounts ranging from 1797 to 1827.

"Miss Addie Heald's Scrap Book" | D. Addie Heald.

A second account book, also made over into a scrap book by "Miss Addie Heald, Carlisle, Nov 1st. 1861," is a leather covered volume with the first pages missing. It seems to have been a store day book with accounts of general merchandise kept by some store keeper in Medfield or Sherburn, Mass., and I am inclined to think it was Medfield. I find no names of Carlisle families and think it was never used by any one here. The entries begin "Thursday, Aug 27th 1835" and end "Tuesday, Noremb. 7-1837." A few of the articles and prices will be of interest.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1835 – | 1 mackerel | .06 | 1 tooth brush | .19 |
| | 1 Lustre pitcher | .42 | 2 oranges | |
| | 2 lbs. candles | .25 | 1 pot mustard | .17 |
| | Snuff | .12 | 3 nut megs | 6 |
| | 1 Silk Hat | 4.00 | 1 pr. Shoes | 1.13 |
| | 1 pr. gloves | .50 | 1 pr. thick Boots | 2.50 |
| | 1 silk Hdkfs | .83 | 1 doz eggs | .17 |
| | 1 pr Hose | .38 | 10 lbs cloves | 1.40 |
| | 1 rubber Apron | .88 | 1 bean pot | .12 |

Nearly everything seems to have been sold in this store; small farm implements and seeds, cotton yard goods, groceries, hardware &c. It may also have been the post-office as postage is mentioned several times.

The name of the proprietor is not given. It doubtless was written on the first page which has been cut out.

The first six leaves of the present book have been pasted over with poems and stories from the "Ladies Department" of some news paper. A very few articles have anything of local interest.

Adeline Heald, b. Dec 6-1808, was daughter of Captain John[7] and Dorcas (Green) Heald.

Sarah Adaline, b. June 29-1847, was daughter of William Green and Hannah Page (Nutting) Heald.

Probably Sarah Adaline was the owner of the scrap book.

Dr. Maurice Fremont-Smith.

Dr. Maurice Fremont-Smith, 264 Beacon St. Boston, Mass.
A.B. Harvard 1913.
M.D. ibid 1918
Surgeon, House Officer, Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, March 1-1918 — Feb. 7 - 1919.
In charge of Hospital at Sivas, Armenia, 1919-20.
In practice, Boston, Mass.

Oct 13 - 1932.

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Mrs. Maurice Fremont-Smith, a member of the Concord Country Club, has been playing some excellent tennis this past week at the Longwood Cricket Club. One of the Boston sport-writers commented as follows:—"The feature of the women's doubles today was the alertness of Mrs. Maurice Fremont-Smith, former Philadelphian, who won fame on the courts as Molly Thayer. Teaming with Mrs. George W. Wightman, the former Miss Thayer was uncertain in her opening match. Later they played again, and this time Mrs. Fremont-Smith played with something of the fire that marked her earlier years in competition, and this time she and Mrs. Wightman vanquished Mrs. Frank H. Godfrey and Mrs. William Homans, 6—4, 6—4, to enter the final round. Considering that this was Mrs. Fremont-Smith's first tennis tournament in more than two years, her play was noteworthy.

FLETCHER-CHAMBERLIN HOUSE
Carlisle Center

Historical Sketch

Golden Wedding of Mr. And Mrs. D.L. Chamberlin

J. Elmer Taylor House

Deeds of the Fletcher-Chamberlin House

Simon T. Fletcher Family

Isaac Heath Chamberlin Family

D.L. Chamberlin (news clipping)

Warren B. Chamberlin

Biographical Notes :
- Dr. John Nelson
- Dr. Thomas Jewett
- Dr. Simon Davis
- Dr. Benjamin Prescot
- Dr. Francis Mansfield
- Dr. Leonard Spaulding
- Dr. Joseph Munroe
- Dr. Austin Marsh and Family

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Residence of Daniel L. Chamberlin, Carlisle Center.
photographed 1932.

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Probably built in 1830

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Eastern side, on Lowell Street.

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D. L. Chamberlin house.

The Red & White Store, once the barn.

Long Block and D. L. Chamberlin house,
from Bedford Road.
photographed 1930.

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The D. L. Chamberlin house
after the fire – 1925.

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The D. L. Chamberlin house

after the fire – 1925.

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The Fletcher-Chamberlin house after the fire

May 1925.

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# Carlisle Couple Mark Their Golden Wedding

## Mr. and Mrs. Daniel L. Chamberlin Entertain Relatives and Friends on Monday—Reception Held in Church

1934

MRS. D. L. CHAMBERLIN.

D. L. CHAMBERLIN.

Carlisle, July 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lang Chamberlin observed their 50th wedding anniversary, Monday, July 16.

During the day they entertained many relatives from out of town and also members of the immediate family. A very pleasant time was enjoyed.

Monday evening from 8 until 10.30 o'clock they held an informal reception in the chapel of the Congregational church. It was an unusually pretty affair, and was attended by many relatives, friends and townspeople who came to share their love and esteem and to help in making the evening a happy one for this beloved couple.

The interior of the chapel was most attractively arranged for the evening. The lighting effect, with soft colored electric lamps added greatly to the beauty of the decorations. The entire room was profusely decorated with cut flowers and garden and field flowers. In the centre stood a large table, with red velvet covering. Upon this table was displayed the beautiful and varied assortment of gifts. At the right stood another large table from which punch and refreshments were served. The table decorations were talisman roses, yellow gladiolis, blue bachelor buttons and white roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlin received in one corner of the room. Mrs. Chamberlin's gown was of flowered chiffon and she carried a bouquet of blue and lavender bachelor buttons and marguerites.

During the reception, piano selections were played by Mrs. Leo L. Jones. The ushers were Miss Esther E. Wilkins, Mrs. Arnold T. Lapham, Harold T. Chamberlin and James P. Wilkins. Following the reception an excellent program of music was given. Aaron Noyes of Somerville sang a group of songs and Mrs. Leilla Bull Stone of Billerica sang several selections, both being very generous in their encores. Mrs. Leo L. Jones was their accompanist.

Rev. J. Varnor Garton, in well chosen words presented Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlin a purse of money from their town friends. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlin both responded.

Refreshments were served during the evening. Mrs. Jay Fisk had charge of the gift table and Mrs. Nettie O. Wilson the punch table. Punch was served by three girls, Jean Wilkins, Mary Chamberlin and Ada Turner.

The refreshments were in the charge of the Ladies Circle of which Mrs. Anna H. Barrett is its president. She was assisted by Mrs. Ole Garthe, Mrs. Arthur Thomassen, Mrs. Marion Erickson, Mrs. Elmer Beacham and Miss Phyllis Barrett. Two lovely wedding cakes were served by Mrs. Anna H. Barrett. Mrs. Alden R. Davis had charge of the decorations, which were unusually beautiful. Fred E. Robbins had charge of the guest book.

Among those from out of town were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Learned, Miss Amy Learned and Mrs. Flora Broch Goss from Wells River, Vt.; Mrs. Warren B. Chamberlin, Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Chamberlin, Miss Mary Chamberlin of Natick, Mr. and Mrs. Henry N. Duren and Mrs. Thomas A. Duren of Belmont.

Friends were present from Barrington, R. I., Bedford, Natick, North Adams, Billerica, Hill, N. H., Somerville, and Wells River, Vt. Mr. Chamberlin was born at Bath, N. H., and Mrs. Chamberlin was born at Ways Mills, P. Q.

Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlin were married July 16, 1884 at Ways Mills, P. Q., by Rev. Charles Phiney Dow. They came to Carlisle in November, 1885. Mr. Chamberlin started work here as a clerk for Sidney A. and John E. Bull, who conducted a large general store. After the Bull brothers retired from the store business here, Mr. Chamberlin went into partnership with his brother, Warren B. Chamberlin in 1893 and then continued the business for many years. Owing to ill health Warren B. Chamberlin left for California and Daniel L. bought out his share in 1908 and went into business for himself. He has continued the business up to the present time and now has his store as a part of the home building.

He has been the local postmaster since 1908 and for several years preceding that time was connected with the postoffice affairs. He is still the local postmaster, his office being a part of his store. He has served the town officially. For six years he was town clerk, has served on the Board of Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor.

Both are members of the Congregational church. Mr. Chamberlin was a church deacon for 27 years and for several years was its Sunday school superintendent. He is a member of the Men's Brotherhood Club and of the Laymen's League of which he held office of chaplain for several years. Mrs. Chamberlin is a member of the Ladies Circle and has served as its treasurer for over 30 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlin have always lived a simple home life, a devoted couple, held in high esteem by all who know them, loyal to their church and town.

They have three children, a son, Harold T. Chamberlin of Natick and two daughters. Mrs. Leo L. Jones of North Adams and Mrs. James H. Wilkins of Carlisle.

Mrs. Chamberlin has been a teacher in the Sunday school for over 40 years.

CARLISLE

## Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lang Chamberlin observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Monday, July 16. 1934.

During the day they entertained relatives and friends from out of town together with members of the immediate family.

At 8.00 p. m. an informal reception was held in the Chapel of the Congregational Church, which was one of the prettiest and most delightful of affairs.

The chapel had been attractively arranged and a profusion of flowers with soft colored lights helped make it beautiful. Many of the flowers were gifts. A table decorated with talisman roses and yellow gladioli held some varied and lovely gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlin received alone. The ushers were: Miss Esther E. Wilkins, Mrs. Mildred Lapham, Harold Chamberlin, and James P. Wilkins. Mrs. Chamberlin was gowned in flowered chiffon and carried a lovely corsage bouquet. She could not have looked lovelier fifty years ago.

Piano music during the reception was provided by Mrs. Grace Chamberlin Jones. Following the reception groups of songs by Mr. Aaron Noyes and Mrs. Leila Bull Stone were much enjoyed.

Rev. J. Vanor Garton, in appropriate words, presented a substantial sum of money, a gift bringing with it the love and esteem of friends and townspeople. Both Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlin responded.

Mrs. Nettie Wilson, assisted by three little girls, Jean Wilkins, Mary Chamberlin, and Ada Turner, dispensed delicious punch and the Ladies' Circle, under the direction of Mrs. Anna Barrett served ice cream and cake. Two decorated wedding cakes graced the refreshment table.

A guest book was presided over by Mr. Fred E. Robbins.

Guests were present from Wells River, Vermont, Barrington, Rhode Island, Natick, Belmont, Bedford, Billerica, Concord and Somerville, Massachusetts, and Hill, New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlin came to Carlisle in 1885, a year after their marriage, when Mr. Chamberlin was employed in the store then owned by the Bull Brothers. In 1893, with his brother, Mr. Warren Chamberlin, he became owner of the store and in 1908 he bought his brother's share, and has been postmaster and carried on a grocery business here ever since that date.

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Mr. Daniel Lang Chamberlin, 1931.

Postmaster, and Proprietor of the Red and White Store.

Residence of Daniel Lang Chamberlin,
Lowell Street.

It is rather strange that when Carlisle Center was first settled, the houses should have been placed so closely together, for there must have been a great deal of room just back of these houses which fringed the common and trailed down the Bedford Road, yet we see that these houses nearly touched each other, notably in the case of the house now occupied by Daniel Lang Chamberlin and its near neighbor, the Wheat Tavern or Long Block as it has been variously called. They appear to be a bit closer today than when first built, as doubtless the piazza has been added in more recent years.

Impossible as it may now seem, there was also a house between these two buildings at one time. It was owned by Amos Hodgman who married into the Wheat family, and he had it moved down the Bedford Road to its present location. It is today (1933) the home of Mr. Elmer Taylor. How this building was crowded in on the corner between the Long Block and the Chamberlin house presents something of a puzzle. Certainly the contour of the corner must have been changed radically since that time, the curve helping to make the open space which later provided the monument ground.

It is obvious that the front of the Chamberlin house faced the road leading to Chelmsford and the old door with its glass side-lights, still looks out upon us as we pass that way, although we never think of using it because the years have guided entering foot-steps to the door at the south end.

The long Ell which runs north from the main building has virtually added another house. There has been a time when three families and a store have been housed under the roofs of this long building. The store was downstairs in the southern end where Mr. Chamberlin now resides, a tenement was back of it, another above it with its entrance on Lowell Street, and still another in the Ell portion. The shed at the north end extends to a second building which not many years ago, was a barn.

After its usefulness in that capacity was over, it was converted by Mr. Chamberlin into a store at the time he joined the Red & White chain of grocery stores. The Post-Office is also within this building for Mr. Chamberlin is Post-Master as well as store keeper. His long term of postmaster has covered 32 years. from 1898 to the present time, with the exception of four years when his brother held the office.

The Chamberlin house was built between Nov. 1-1829 and Sept. 30 1830 by William Green, 2nd, who acquired the land from William Wilkins Oct. 30-1829 for $160. In the deed no buildings are mentioned. When William Green sold this same property Sept. 30-1830 to Cyrene Green for one thousand dollars, the store is spoken of, which doubtless occasioned the increase in value in so short a time.

The land in the centre of the town appears to have been originally owned largely by the Wilkins family. William, son of Timothy Jr. and Lucy (Green) Wilkins, was probably born and grew up on the location where Daisy's store is now situated. This Timothy Wilkins was one of those who sold to the town the burying ground which adjoins the property of which we are speaking and it probably was inherited by William.

Simon T. Fletcher, born in Littleton, Mass., was in Carlisle as early as 1834. He married Cyrene Green, the owner of this property, in 1830 but it is thought they lived in Littleton for a few years. Their first child was born in Lunenburg, Mass., but the second one, Sarah Augusta Fletcher, was born in Carlisle, Nov. 27-1834.

Cyrene (Green) Fletcher died March 25-1845 and her husband retained the property. After his second marriage he lived in Lowell, but continued his ownership here until 1874.

Mr. Fletcher kept a store on the lower floor of the main house, with entrance from the southend where the piazza now is. It seems likely that this porch was added then as a convenience to the public.

"Slop work" was given out from this store, a custom which did not cease till within the memory of those still living. Cloth and patterns for overalls, vests and other garments were given out to women of the neighborhood to be made, or buttonholes inserted, who received cash or more often, credit on their store bills. At one time so much of this work

was done, a room upstairs was set apart as a work shop where women came to sew all day. This shop was reached by an outside stairway from the back of the house, which has since been removed. The finished garments were sent "down below", or, in other words, to the Boston markets.

This building was at that time called the Fletcher block. There were five stores in town, this being one of them. The others were located in the Timothy Wilkins house (MacDougall's), the Varnum Munroe house (Austin Davis'), the Heald Tavern (Dr. Fremont-Smith's) and another on the site of Daisy's store, corner of Lowell and Bedford Streets. This indicates a larger population and more business than at the present time.

Mr. Fletcher bought and sold several properties while living here, as deeds will testify. He was a man of varied business interests. He disposed of this house and land to a real estate dealer, who in turn sold to other dealers. The owners for the next six years were Henry F. Abbott (1883) Samuel Harris, Robert Bartlett and Hazen Sturtevant (1889) — none of whom lived in the house.

On March 28-1889 Hazen Sturtevant sold it to Hannah E. D. Chamberlin (Mrs. Warren B. Chamberlin) who with her husband took possession. They made many repairs and improvements in the interior of the house. A stairway was constructed in the south end, a room enlarged for a dining room and other conveniences installed.

Mr. Warren B. Chamberlin, born in Bath, N. H. married in 1876, Hannah Elizabeth Delano Tower of Cohasset, Mass., and the following year came to Carlisle and bought the Eastman farm on East Street. After living there eight years they sold it and came to the centre where Mr. Chamberlin worked in the store of S. A. and J. E. Bull. In 1886 he entered the firm as a partner and later bought it out. During the years 1897, 1903-4-5 and 6, he was postmaster also. With his brother D. L. Chamberlin, he carried on the store until his health failed, so that in 1907 he sold his share to his brother and did out of door work. He went to New York state and later to California in search of health, but eventually returned to Carlisle where he died Nov. 6-1919. He was an upright and valuable citizen and churchman. He served as town clerk for eight years, as town

treasurer for nineteen years, justice of the peace for twenty four years and was a member of the Congregational Church for thirty-three years. (See Bull's History of Carlisle, pp. 352-3.)

The Chamberlin house was purchased by Sidney A. Bull and John E. Bull from Mrs. Warren Chamberlin, April 25-1893 and kept for three years, then sold to Daniel L. Chamberlin. He and his family have resided here up to the present time. Numerous tenants have inhabited the Ell part, the present ones being Mr. & Mrs. George H. Heald, life long residents of Carlisle, who in 1929 celebrated their golden wedding.

Mr. Heald has a most tenacious memory and very generously has helped in the preparation of this history of the Carlisle houses, recalling stories and facts about old residents and locations which have been only hazy names and places to the writer. His long life in this town has given him a vast fund of information which has been invaluable.

Mr. Daniel Lang Chamberlin came here from Bath, New Hampshire in 1895 and has been identified with the business life of Carlisle ever since, having kept a store in the centre during the past 40 years. From 1902 to 1907 he filled the office of town clerk, and was selectman in 1904, 1906 and 1908. He has been a faithful and prominent member of the Congregational Church, holding the office of Deacon, and in the choir for many years, also serving on important committees. Mrs. Chamberlin has been a trustee of the Church and active in Sunday School work for many years, besides taking an active part in the Ladies Social Circle in various official capacities, holding the office of treasurer for thirty years.

When Mr. Chamberlin bought this property, he had the buildings reshingled, the chimneys retopped, the barn interior remodelled and all painted. The interior of the house has more recently been modernized by new floors, central heating and such other improvements as an owner continually makes to render life easier and happier. Some of the partitions have been removed to enlarge rooms but the old-time front stairway leading from the east door on Lowell Street gives us a glimpse of earlier days because of the somewhat more ancient wall paper.

In 1925 when the large store opposite, owned by James Houlton, was destroyed in a spectacular fire, brands and scorching heat swept over this house which had been freshly painted, causing it to be badly charred and discolored. Extensive repairs were made necessary - Now with its colonial white paint and green blinds, its long lines shaded and softened by beautiful maples, it stands as one of the landmarks of Carlisle Centre.

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The little house which stood between the Wheat Tavern and the present D. L. Chamberlin house, was owned and moved by Amos Hodgman who married Cincinnati Wheat, daughter of Ai Wheat of the Tavern house. We do not know the year it was moved, but James Taylor, father of J. Elmer Taylor, bought it in April 1866. Elmer's mother stated that an Augustus Ingham kept store in this house.

Amos Hodgman, who moved the building to its present site on Bedford Road (now home of J. Elmer Taylor) was the son of William and Martha (Moore) Hodgman.

The deeds of the D. L. Chamberlin house have been followed back by James H. Wilkins, and are as follows:

Sidney A. Bull and John E. Bull to Daniel L. Chamberlin, Sept. 1-1896.

Hannah E. Chamberlin (Mrs. Warren B. Chamberlin) to Sidney A. Bull April 25-1893. Mortgage note not discharged, dated April 25-1893.

Hazen Sturtevant to Hannah Chamberlin, $900.- March 28-1889.

Charles S. Bartlett to Hazen Sturtevant, Feb. 2-1889. $1500.

Robert G. Bartlett to Charles S. Bartlett, Jan. 11-1889.

Samuel Harris to Robert Bartlett-

Henry F. Abbott to Samuel Harris, $2500.

Simon T. Fletcher to Henry F. Abbott, April 3-1883.

Henry and William Fletcher to Simon T. Fletcher, June 4-1874

William Green, 2nd. to Cyrene Green, Sept. 30-1830. $1000.
The store is mentioned in this deed.

Recorded at Cambridge, Book 300 - Page 1-
William Wilkins to William Green, 2nd. Oct 30-1829.
Price $160. No buildings are mentioned.
This leads us to believe that the buildings were erected between Nov. 1-1829 and Sept. 30-1830, and it seems probable it was very early in the year 1830.

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Mr. D. L. Chamberlin's deed says there is about one and one half acres of land bounded as follows, "Beginning at the northeast corner of the premises hereby conveyed, at the county road, thence running westerly on the wall by the burying ground, to land now or formerly of John Nelson, thence southerly on the wall by said Nelson land, to land now or formerly of Thomas Green, thence easterly on said Green land, and land now or formerly of Ai Wheat, to a

corner, thence southerly one rod by said Wheat land, thence easterly till it comes to the County road, thence northerly on said road to the point of beginning — Being the same premises conveyed to us by Hannah E. D. Chamberlin, by her deed dated April 25 – 1893 and recorded with the Middlesex North District Deeds, libro 242, folio 253."

Simon T. Fletcher.

Simon Tuttle Fletcher, b. Littleton, Mass, March 31-1807.
d. Lowell, Mass, Feb. 12-1887. ae 79 yrs 10 m.
son of Joseph and Lucy (Tuttle) Fletcher.
Cyrene Green, daughter of Nathan, Jr. and Sarah (Green) Green
b. Carlisle, Feb. 18-1806
d. Carlisle, March 25-1845.

married at Littleton, Mass, Nov. 11-1830

children:-

1. Cyrene Anna Fletcher, b. Lunenburg, Mass. Aug 2-1832 married George Washington Green, Oct. 28-1852, at West Boylston, Mass., and died Lowell, Mass, March 14-1907. George Washington Green was the son of Capt. Thomas and Lucinda (Wheat) Green, b. Carlisle, Sept. 16-1827, d. March 19-1898. They had one child Ella Cyrene, b. Carlisle, Oct 6-1857.
2. Sarah Augusta Fletcher, b. Carlisle. Nov. 27-1834
d. Carlisle Nov. 13-1840
3. William Green Fletcher, b. Carlisle, April 8-1836
d. June 20-1906.
4. Maria Amelia Fletcher, b. Lunenburg, Mass, July 23-1838
m. Feb. 10-1864, Randolph C. Lord (b. April 22-1836, d. Lowell Mass, May 25 1896)
5. Henry Harrison Fletcher, b. Carlisle, Dec. 20-1840 was in the Civil War two years in the 7th. Mass. Artillery; was at Norfolk, Suffolk, Yorktown and the Peninsula.
m. June 4-1867 Marianna Holden (b. Feb. 26 1846). They had a son Charles William Fletcher, b. May 10-1873 living in Chicago.

Simon Tuttle Fletcher married (2nd) at Lowell, Mass. Aug. 13-1846, Almira Billings, b. Jan. 13-1806 and had

6. James Billing Fletcher, b. Carlisle Feb. 27-1849 who married, June 29-1871, Elizabeth Douglas and had a daughter Lotta Genevra Fletcher b. June 6-1874, and d. May 21-1896.

Chamberlin-

Isaac Heath Chamberlin and his wife, Jane Childs (Lang) Chamberlin of Bath, N.H. had seven children, three girls and four boys. Four of these children, two sons and two daughters have lived in Carlisle.

Children:

1. Warren Bradley Chamberlin, b. Bath, N.H. Feb. 23-1854, d. Carlisle, Mass. Nov. 6-1919.
   m. at Cohasset, Mass. Nov. 28-1876, Elizabeth Delano Lower, dau. of Edward and Elizabeth Pratt (Delano) Lower of Cohasset; b. Cohasset, March 4 1849, d. Natick, Mass. April 25-1943.
   ch: Myra W. b. Nov. 5-1879, d. May 12-1896 ae. 16.
2. Daniel Lang Chamberlin, b. Bath, N.H. Oct 9-1858. d. Carlisle, Mass. Jan. 5-1940, aged 81 yrs 2 m. 26 d.
   m. July 16-1884, Mary Ann Truell, daughter of Valorous and Caroline Yeomans (Hollister) Truell of Barnston, Province of Quebec, Canada; b. June 10-1861 at Barnston, P.Q., d. Carlisle, Mass. June 7-1944.
   ch: (1) Harold Truell, b. Carlisle, Aug. 23-1888, m. Oct. 1-1913, Mae Lou Drake, dau. of Lewis A. and Abbie M. (Brown) Drake of Natick, Mass.
   ch: Mary, b. Natick, Jan. 20-1922.
   (2) Grace Hollister, b. Carlisle, April 7-1890, d. No. Adams, Mass. Sept. 13-1937, aged 47.
   m. June 30-1915, Leo Lincoln Jones, son of John Lincoln and Annie M. (Ford) Jones of Chelmsford, Mass. No children.
   (3) Ruth Lang, b. Carlisle, Jan. 26-1901, m. July 28-1923, James Harry Wilkins of Carlisle, son of James Warren and Mary (Rose) Wilkins of Carlisle.
   ch: Jean (adopted)
3. Laura A. Chamberlin, b. June 11-1846, d. August 1926 at Allston, Mass. and buried in Hardwick, Vermont.
   m. (1st) John Nelson
   (2nd) Joseph Davis.
   Children (surname Nelson)

(continued)

1. Elmer Nelson, m. Carrie Lovejoy-
2. Nellie Nelson, m- Harry Nickles, res. Allston. Mass
3. Alice Nelson, m- Thomas A. Duren- res. Carlisle-

4. Minnie Hannah Chamberlin, b. Bath. N.H- March 14 1861, d- Wells River, Vermont, April 8-1917 aged 56, and is buried in Carlisle

m- (1st) John H. Duren, Sept. 10-1884, son of Thomas and Margaret (Blake) Duren; b- June 11-1857, d- April 15-1904, aged 46 yrs. 10 m- 4 d-

m. (2nd) in Carlisle, July 5-1906, Robert G. Brock of Wells River, Vermont.

ch: surname Duren:—

(1) George Albert Duren, b. Sept. 17-1887, d- Aug. 24-1888 aged 11 mos- 7 days-

(2) Amy Winnifred Duren, b- June 18-1890

(3) Earle Duren, b- Nov- 15-1897, d- Nov- 18-1897 ae. 3 days

5. Eliza J. Chamberlin, b- Bath. N.H-

m- - - - - - - - - - - Parker of Whitefield. N.H-

6. Ebenezer D. Chamberlin, b- Bath. N.H-

m- - -

ch: Stella M-

Res- Spencer and Langdon, Iowa-

7. Charles Chamberlin, b- Bath. N.H-

d- Bath. N.H- Nov- 1888-

# Daniel Lang Chamberlin-

Daniel L. Chamberlin came to Carlisle in November, 1885, to work for S.A. & J.E. Bull in their general store, where his brother, Warren B. Chamberlin was already employed-

In Sept. 1891, J.E. Bull withdrew from the firm and W.B. Chamberlin bought a one third interest in the business- In May 1893, Mr. S.A. Bull sold his share of the business to W.B. & D.L. Chamberlin, each brother owning one half- In 1898 W.B. Chamberlin sold his share to one of their employees, Lars Anderson, and went into business at Niagara Falls, N.Y. Returning to Carlisle in Nov- 1899 he worked for Chamberlin & Anderson till the spring of 1901 when he bought out Mr. Anderson-

After about two years, D.L. Chamberlin sold his interest in the business to his brother and bought the land of the Abel Taylor farm- This farm he cultivated very successfully till his brother's health failed in 1906 when he took charge of the store for him, and after two years as there was no prospect of any permanent improvement in his brother's health, he sold his farm and bought out the business-

He continued in the store building owned by Mr. Bull till the fall of 1915 when he rented the small store then owned by Mrs J.H. Dwren (later Mrs R.G. Brock.) After Eleven years in this location he finished off a store of his own in an unused barn adjoining his house and moved into it Oct. 9-1926-

Town offices held by Daniel Lang Chamberlin:-

Auditor 1899
Overseer of the Poor, 1900, 1901
Town Clerk, Feb-1-1902 to Feb-1-1908
Selectman, 1904, 1906, 1908-

In 1908 he was a member of the building committee for the new schoolhouse which was finished and occupied the week before Christmas of the same year-

(Originally written by Mrs. D.L. Chamberlin.)

# Postmaster at Carlisle Dies After Brief Illness

## Daniel L. Chamberlin, Former Selectman and Town Clerk, Was in 82nd Year

1940

Carlisle, Jan. 5.

Daniel L. Chamberlain, postmaster of this town for 37 years and well-known local merchant, died about 3 o'clock this morning at his home, aged 81 years, 2 months and 26 days. In addition to being postmaster, he was a former member of the Board of Selectmen and town clerk. He and Mrs. Chamberlain observed their golden wedding anniversary July 16, 1934.

He was born at Bath, N. H., Oct. 9, 1858, the son of the late Isaac H. and Jane Childs (Lang) Chamberlain. On July 16, 1884 he maried Mary Ann Truell. They came to Carlisle in November, 1885, where Mr. Chamberlain entered the employ of Sidney A. and John E. Bull in their general store for whom he worked for many years.

In 1892 he went into partnership with his brother, Warren B. Chamberlain, the store then running under the firm name W. B. and D. L. Chamberlain. In 1907 due to ill health, W. B. Chamberlain sold his share of the business to his brother, who carried on the business alone.

In 1916 he moved into the store across the square then known as the Reynolds place and now owned by Paul A. Coombs.

Upon his 70th birthday anniverssary he moved into the present Red and White store which adjoins his home and had been here for 11 years.

**Postmaster 37 Years.**

He had been postmaster for 37 years, April 25, 1898 to July 31, 1903 and Dec. 11, 1907 to present date ,an office which he had filled with saitisfaction to everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on July 16, 1934 at the chapel in the Congregational church. Mr. Chamberlain served as town clerk here for five years, 1902-1907 and was a member of the Board of Selectmen for three years, 1901, 1906, 1908.

DANIEL L. CHAMBERLIN.

**Active in Church.**

He was devoted to his home and family. He had been a member of the Congregational church for more than 50 years. Had served as deacon in the church for a term of 27 years. For many years he was a member of the church choir.

Mr. Chamberlain was a member of the Carlisle chapter of the Unitarian Laymen's League and had held the office of chaplain for several years.

He leaves his widow, Mary T. Chamberlain; a son, Harold T. Chamberlain of Natick and a daughter, Mrs. Ruth C. Wilkins of Carlisle and two grandchildren, Mary Chamberlain of Natick and Jean Wilkins of Carlisle and several nieces and nephews. The entire community extends its deepest sympathy to the family. The town flag flies at half staff in his memory.

# Veteran Carlisle Postmaster Dies 1940

CARLISLE, Jan. 5—Daniel Lang Chamberlain, 81, postmaster here for the past 42 years and part owner of a grocery store, died today at his home.

Born in Bath, N. H., he came to Carlisle 54 years ago and started a grocery business with his brother, Warren Chamberlain. For more than half a century, he had been known as "Daniel Lang" to every resident of the town.

He had served as a member of the board of selectmen, town clerk and sealer of weights and measures. He was appointed postmaster April 25, 1898.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Mary T. Chamberlain, whom he married 55 years ago, a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Wilkins of Carlisle; a son, Harold Chamberlain of Natick, and a granddaughter.

Warren Bradley Chamberlin.

Warren Bradley Chamberlin and Elizabeth Delano Tower were married at Cohasset, Mass., November 28 - 1876.

Mr. Chamberlin's parents were Isaac and Jane (Lang) Chamberlin. Mrs. Chamberlin writes:

We lived with them at Bath, N.H. until September 1877 when we came to Carlisle and bought the old Eastman place. Lived there until September 1884 when Mr. Chamberlin went to work as clerk in store of S. A. and J. E. Bull and we moved to the village in the tenement now occupied by Miss Sarah Baldwin, in the East end of the Long Block. At that time the parsonage was unoccupied and the church committee were anxious to have us move in there which we did in the spring of 1885. We lived there about four years. I am not quite certain about this date, but think it was the spring of 1888 when we bought and made over the house now owned by Lang Chamberlin. We moved from there to the tenement over the store that was burnt, and owned by Mr. Sidney A. and John E. Bull, and Mr. Chamberlin bought a one-third share in the store. We moved to the house owned by Capt. Waldo Wilson in 1915 where Mr. Chamberlin died in 1919. I left Carlisle in 1924 to keep house for my brother in Cohasset after his wife died and never came back to Carlisle to live. Went to Natick, Mass in 1927."

For additional facts, see p. 352, Bull's History of Carlisle.

Warren B. Chamberlin died in Carlisle, Nov. 6 - 1919
Elizabeth D. (Tower) Chamberlin died in Natick, Mass. April 25 - 1943.

# CARLISLE

## Death of Well Known Official and Citizen Causes Universal Regret—Newsy Notes.

1919

Carlisle, Nov. 10.

By the death of Warren Bradley Chamberlin during the past week, this town loses one of its most respected residents and citizens. The deceased was born in Bath, N. H., on Feb. 23, 1854, and was the son of Jane Childs (Lang) and Isaac Heath Chamberlin, being one of seven children, three sisters and three brothers.

Mr. Chamberlin came to Carlisle where he took up farming and at the same time engaged his spare time as a carpenter. In 1876 he married Elizabeth D. Tower of Cohassett and resided in the latter place until 1877 when he removed to Carlisle, where he remained as a resident continuously until his death with the exception of about two years, which he spent in Momova and also in Los Angeles, Cal., where he went for his health.

In 1884 Mr. Chamberlin entered the grocery business here forming a partnership with Sidney A., and John E. Bull. The latter two withdrew from the business after a few years, and, selling their interests to the deceased and his brother, Daniel L. Chamberlin, who continued the business until the illness of Mr. Chamberlin, who retired and for some time followed poultry raising with much success.

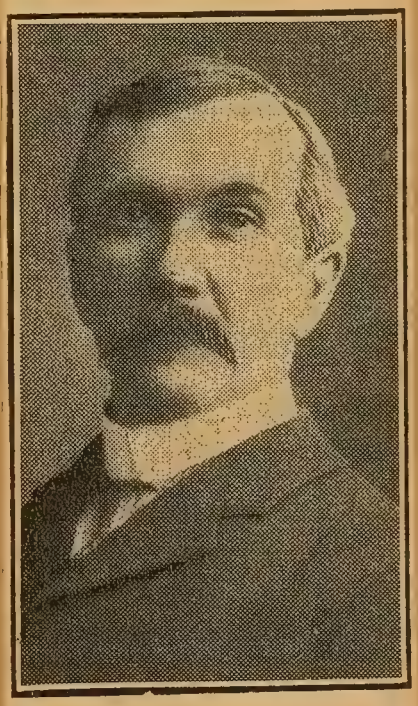
Mr. Chamberlin held every office, with the exception of assessor, in the gift of the citizens of this town and he performed his duties in a manner which showed his ability and which returned him to several of the posts for several successive years. He was a member of the Congregational church and for many years was numbered among the choir, and during this period as well as in his later years he always showed a great fondness for music. During the existence of Squad 3, Troop F., he was a member of that organization and was also identified with the Republican party and recently as a member of the Republican league.

Mr. Chamberlin was prominent in his church and among his fellow townspeople and was known as a generous neighbor and a true friend, always ready and willing to help those in need or in trouble. During his long illness he was faithfully cared for by his wife, who has the sympathy of the entire community as well as a host of friends of the surrounding locality. Besides his wife, he leaves two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Elza J. Parker of Whitefield, N. H., Mrs. Laura A. Davis, Eben D. Chamberlin of Spencer, Iowa and Daniel L. Chamberlin.

Owing to the death of the late Warren B. Chamberlin the auction of personal property which was to have taken place Monday has been postponed indefinitely.

Warren B. Chamberlin has been appointed by the governor justice of the peace and was duly qualified Saturday, July 20. 1895

## *Men Well Known in The Towns*



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W. B. CHAMBERLAIN,
Master of the Carlisle Grange.

# Dr. John Nelson,
## an early physician of Carlisle.

Dr. John Nelson, son of Josiah Nelson of Milford, Mass., was born September 8-1790. He entered Brown University, Providence, R. I. in 1809, and in 1812 commenced the study of medicine with Dr. Thurber of Mendon, Mass., with whom he remained until 1816 when he settled in Carlisle as a practicing physician. In 1816 he was a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society.

In 1824 he represented Carlisle in the State Legislature. After a practice of nineteen years in Carlisle, he removed to Lexington, Mass., continuing in his profession. In 1846 he settled in Woburn, Mass., where he was living in 1859.

In 1849 he was attached to the Inspector's Department of the Boston Custom House, from which office he was removed in 1852.

He was married in 1811 to Lucinda, daughter of Jonas Parkhurst, of Milford, Mass. His only child was the late Hon. Albert H. Nelson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Boston.

Dr. John Nelson was a member of the Corinthian Lodge of Masons, Concord, Mass, serving as the sixteenth master in 1830 and 1831.

(From Surette's History of Corinthian Lodge, p. 86.)

We find John Nelson, Esq. on the list of librarians of the Carlisle Library Society from 1820 to 1826 inclusive, and president of the society from 1829 to 1830 inclusive. He was Representative from Carlisle to the Massachusetts Legislature in 1824, and town treasurer for one year in 1829. From March 12-1834 to Dec. 23-1835 he was postmaster, the first to hold that office after its establishment in Carlisle. He practiced medicine here from 1816 to 1836.

Albert H. Nelson, son of Dr John Nelson of Carlisle, was born March 12-1812, graduated from Harvard College in 1832, studied law there and began the practice in Concord in 1836, in partnership with John Keyes. He afterwards opened an office on his own account and continued there until 1841 when he removed to Woburn. There he had a large practice and was district attorney for the Northern District for two years, 1846 to 1848. He served two years in the Senate and was a Councillor

in 1855. He was that year appointed chief justice of the Superior Court of Suffolk County and held that office till his death in 1858.

From Lewis' History of Middlesex County.

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Dr. John Nelson-

From Lexington (Mass) History - Vol I p. 555.

John Nelson was born at Milford, Mass., Sept. 8-1790; died in Woburn, Mass., March 21-1864.

He married Lucinda Parkhurst of Milford. Their adopted daughter Catherine, married John Viles, 1845.

He studied medicine with Dr. Thurber of Mendon and began practice in Carlisle in 1816. He moved from Carlisle to Lexington in 1835 and from Lexington to Woburn in 1846. While in Lexington he lived where the Russell House now stands, 347 Massachusetts Avenue. He was a member of the Mass. Medical Soc. from 1826 to 1855. He was Trial Justice in Woburn, and for a time held a position in the Custom House in Boston.

Their son, Albert Hobart Nelson, b. Milford, d. Woburn, June 27-1858 aged 46, married Sept. 30-1841, Elizabeth B. Phinney, bapt. Jan. 29-1815, d. San Rafael, California May 12-1907. They had one daughter. He was a prominent member of the bar, and chief justice of the Superior Court of Suffolk County, 1855.; resided first in Concord, and after 1842 at Woburn.

## Dr. Thomas Jewett.

In the tax lists we find Dr. Thomas Jewett in Carlisle in 1799, at which time he was one of the Constables, duly appointed at the town meeting in March.

It is recorded on Dec. 16-1799 that Dr. Thomas Jewett, Constable collected $66.67 for Rev. Paul Litchfield "it being his quarter salary which was due to him the 7th of November last."

In 1800, 1801 his name appears as constable but not in 1802 when some one else was appointed to take his place.

In the private records of the Green family we discover that Rebekah[6] Green, daughter of Samuel[5] and Rebekah (Sargent) Green, married in Carlisle, Oct. 12-1800, Dr. Thomas Jewett who was born in Rindge, N. H. Feb. 28-1771 and died there April 24-1840, son of Ezekiel and Hannah (Platts) Jewett. He was a physician at Rindge, N. H. but practiced a few years at Carlisle, returning to Rindge in 1801. Rebekah died there Oct. 19-1850. They had ten children all born in Rindge.

Rebekah (Green) Jewett was born on the farm now owned by Mrs Rena Clark on Concord Street, Carlisle, and perhaps she remained there after her marriage to Dr. Jewett until they went to Rindge. There is no record of real estate owned by him, on the tax list.

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## Dr. Franklin Litchfield.

Although he never practiced medicine in Carlisle, it is worthy of notice, that Franklin Litchfield, youngest son of the Rev. Paul Litchfield, graduated from Harvard College in 1810, studied medicine in Charleston, South Carolina and practiced in Jamaica and other places in the West Indies, and was also U. S. Consul at Porto Cabello in 1823, under appointment by Pres. Munroe.

Dr. Simon Davis -
and
Dr. John Davis -

From Shattuck's "Concord."

Simon Davis, son of Lieutenant Simon Davis, born Oct 12 - 1661, married Elizabeth Woodhouse, 1689 and lived where Mr. Hutchinson now lives in Carlisle (1835). His practice was principally in surgery. (Roford location.)

His son John, who died Nov. 16 - 1762, aged 73, practiced in the same profession.

Dr. Benjamin Prescott.

Benjamin, son of Dr. Abel Prescott, studied physic and commenced practice in Carlisle, but soon relinquished the profession.

From Shattuck's "Concord."

Dr. Francis Mansfield.

A native son of Carlisle, became a man of three professions: Divinity, Medicine and Literature, in all of which he made a success. For six years he devoted his time to the practice of medicine in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dr. John R. Mansfield.

Brother to Dr. Francis Mansfield, and both sons of Gardner Stillman and Eliza (Robbins) Mansfield of Carlisle. He obtained his schooling in Lowell and at Harvard University. He was a surgeon in the Union Army and later settled in Wakefield, Mass, where he was a leading physician. The story of these two Mansfield brothers can be found in the Robbins genealogical records.

# Dr. Leonard Spaulding-

While he never practiced medicine in Carlisle, Dr. Leonard Spaulding was born in Carlisle, Mass., April 2-1816. He received his academic education at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., but was obliged to relinquish his purpose of going to College on account of failing health. Arriving at the age of 21, he went west, spending four years in teaching. Returning, he commenced the study of medicine, taking his first course at Hanover, N.H. and graduating at Pittsfield, Mass., in 1843. He commenced to practice his profession in Millbury, Mass., one year later (-in 1844) during which time, until his decease, he dwelt constantly among the people there. Those who resided there were familiar with his history. He died May 23-1872 and his funeral was in the First Congregational Church, Millbury, Mass., May 25-1872.

From memoir of Dr. Spaulding published at the time of his death, in Millbury-

Leonard Spaulding, b. Carlisle, April 2-1816; d. Millbury, Mass., May 23-1872, son of Asa and Elizabeth (Green) Spaulding. Leonard Spaulding was probably born on the old Green farm now owned by Dr. Ashley Day Leavitt.

Asa Spaulding was son of Benoni and Lydia (Wren) Spaulding.

Elizabeth Green was dau. of Leonard and Thankful (Easterbrook) Green, and sister of Captain Thomas Green-

# Dr. Joseph Monroe.

Although not a doctor in Carlisle, he was a native of this town and his name should be mentioned here.

Dr. Joseph[4] Monroe (Joseph[3] Jr. and Hannah; Joseph[2] and Elizabeth; William[1] and Mary Ball.) was born in Carlisle Mass, 1757, studied medicine with Dr. Francis Kittredge of Newbury, Mass., and settled in Hillsborough, N. H. near the Centre on the Dunbar place about 1784. He was the second physician in that town. He married Azubah Henry of Carlisle, Mass.

Dr. Joseph[4] Monroe was grandson of Joseph[2], called "Corporal Joe" Monroe of Lexington, who participated in the battle of the Concord bridge. He is the white haired drummer depicted in the famous picture of the battle at the bridge.

Dr. Monroe had an extended practice in Hillsboro, reaching into the adjoining towns. He made call upon call among his patients at a time when sickness was exceptionally prevalent for three successive days without rest or sleep until the unusual exertion brought on the brief illness which resulted in his death, Feb. 24-1798 at the early age of forty-one years.

His widow married, second, Daniel Gordon of Windsor, N.H. and died in Amherst, N. H. Dec. 23-1847 aged 87 years.

June 14 CARLISLE. 1899.

Three score years of married life is an experience which falls to the lot of few couples. Among these exceptional instances are Dr. and Mrs. Austin Marsh of Carlisle, whose 60th wedding anniversary occurred Friday, the 14th inst. As the venerable doctor is in feeble health, resulting from catarrh and heart trouble during the past winter and spring, it was a family request that there be no formal observance which otherwise would have been the case as many friends, including his professional brethren of the North Middlesex Medical society, had intended to take special notice of the occasion. Dr. Austin Marsh is a descendant of William S. Marsh, who came with his brother John from England and settled in Connecticut. He is one of nine children and the youngest of seven boys born to Elias and Anna Marsh in Sharon, Vt. His father was the first male child born in that town, and in honor of the event was presented by the town with a land grant of 100 acres. His mother had seven brothers, three of them Congregational ministers. The eldest, Samuel Wood, was a teacher of Daniel Webster. Dr. Marsh's early education was in the public schools of Sharon. He took an advanced course in Royalton academy under Perley Sprague, a popular professor, and studied later a year with his oldest brother, Rev. Joseph Marsh, by whose advice he studied medicine. He began with Dr. Smalley of Randolph, Vt., and later studied with Dr. Converse in Strafford, who had an office over the dry goods store of Vermont's late honored Senator Justin Morrill, and all three being of a musical turn, spent many hours together in vocal and instrumental music. Dr. Marsh graduated from Dartmouth Medical college in 1835, and became member of the Massachusetts Medical society July 31, 1839. He opened an office in Lowell and met with marked success.

June 14, 1899

DR. AUSTIN MARSH.

MRS. AUSTIN MARSH.

July 14, 1839, he was married to Miss Mary W., daughter of Dr. Benjamin Skelton, the ceremony being performed by Rev. U. S. Burnap of the Appleton Street Congregational church. In 1838 Dr. Marsh removed to Carlisle at the urgent request of Rev. Preserved Smith and others. Three children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Marsh: Mary Amanda, Palmer Austin, and Susie S.; the latter died eight years ago in Lowell. Dr. Marsh taught school when 19, and one term in Carlisle. He has served as selectman, town clerk and on school committee. In 1895 he fell upon the ice and sustained a fracture of the right ankle, and in 1897 was seriously ill. Since November, 1898, he has had several severe attacks of illness, but at the present time walks out daily and reads with eager interest the news from Cuba and the Philippines. Mrs. Marsh is very industrious with the needle and delights in fancy work. Since 70 years of age she has made three silk quilts, one for each of her grandchildren, which will be treasured heirlooms for fancy embroidery and stitching. Dr. and Mrs. Marsh are indeed a remarkable couple for their years and enjoy the friendship and esteem of a wide circle of acquaintances. The pictures accompanying this article were taken when the originals were considerably younger, but will readily be recognized by their acquaintances of a quarter of a century ago.

CARLISLE. 1900

Dr. Austin Marsh, who died Feb. 3, as the clock struck 12, ushering in the new day, quietly, sweetly passed away, as a child falls asleep in its mother's arms, so quietly that the query, "is it death?" was debated by the loving watchers at his side. A great sufferer, praying for the end, it was a blessed release. His age was 88 years, 4 months, 19 days, the oldest living member of the Massachusetts Medical society at the time of his decease. The funeral was held from his late home Monday afternoon, Feb. 5, at 2 o'clock. Although the weather was disagreeable a large number of citizens and friends were present to pay a last tribute to the "beloved physician." The pastor of the two churches, Rev. A. H. Armes and Rev. E. C. Abbott, shared in the services, each pronouncing eulogies on his life and character as heard and known.

Mrs Marsh d. Jan. 7-1903.

Mary Whiting Skelton Marsh was born in Pelham, N. H., June 14, 1818. She was one of eight children, of whom Mrs. Susan A. Blaisdell of Lowell is now the only survivor. Her father was Dr. Benjamin Skelton, of wide practice in and about Pelham, and her mother, before marriage, was Iza Bacon of Bedford, Mass. The Bacons were prominent in the early history of Bedford.

Mrs. Marsh came to Carlisle in 1839, the bride of Dr. Austin Marsh, who the year before had relinquished his practice in Lowell, because the state of his health required the conditions of country life. To the advantage and happiness of this community, what the physician intended to be a temporary settlement became a life-long professional residence.

The qualities of sterling womanhood and the gentle refinements of old-time New England culture were characteristic of Mrs. Marsh. Naturally shrinking from ostentation, she made her generous influence felt within and without her home in ways that endeared her to the community. Her hospitality made the beautiful and spacious residence a centre of bright social intercourse. An unfailing sympathy with the young, a lively and thoughtful interest in events, earnest faithfulness toward her church and tireless domestic industry preserved her faculties to the last in youthful vigor and the rare grace which had always distinguished her.

Three children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Marsh: Mary Amanda, Palmer Austin, and Susie S. The last named, wife of Arthur Morse of Lowell, died in 1891. Mrs. Mary Amanda Reynolds has been the constant companion and care-taker of her mother during latter years.

The 50th wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Marsh occurred July 14, 1889. A few months later the husband died. After this loss Mrs. Marsh declined perceptibly, and the natural feebleness of extreme age made her liable to the fall of Dec. 12 which hastened the end.

The characterization of womanhood in the last chapter of Proverbs seldom finds truer application than in this instance: "She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. Her children rise up and call her blessed. Give her the fruits of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates."

# Dr. Austin Marsh.

Dr. & Mrs Austin Marsh celebrated their sixtieth anniversary July 14-1899 in Carlisle.

Dr. Marsh, descendant of William S. Marsh who came with his brother John from England and settled in Connecticut. Dr. Marsh, one of nine children and youngest of seven boys born to Elias and Anna Marsh in Sharon, Vermont. Elias was the first male child born in that town and in honor of the event was presented by the town with a land grant of one hundred acres. Anna (Mrs Elias Marsh) had seven brothers, three of them Congregational ministers. The eldest, Samuel Wood, was a teacher of Daniel Webster.

Dr. Marsh's early education was in the public school of Sharon. Took advanced course in Royalton Academy under Perley Sprague, a popular professor, and studied later a year with his oldest brother, Rev. Joseph Marsh, by whose advice he studied medicine. He studied with Dr. Smalley of Randolph, Vt. and Dr. Converse in Strafford. He graduated from Dartmouth Medical College in 1835 and became member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, July 31-1839. He opened an office in Lowell, and married, July 14-1839 Mary W. Skelton, daughter of Dr. Benjamin Skelton. Came to Carlisle in 1838 at the urgent request of Rev. Preserved Smith and others. He had three children: Mary Amanda, Palmer Austin and Susie S.

Dr. Marsh taught school when nineteen years old, and one term in Carlisle. He held office as selectman, town clerk and on the school committee. He died Feb. 3-1900 aged 88 yrs 4 m. 19 days. His wife, Mary Whiting Skelton Marsh was born in Pelham, N. H. June 14-1818, and died in Carlisle, Jan. 7-1903, daughter of Dr. Benjamin and Iza (Bacon) Skelton, the latter being of a prominent Bedford family.

At the time of his marriage, Dr. Marsh brought his bride to Carlisle and they went immediately to the Wheat Tavern where they resided temporarily, occupying an upstairs room in the east end. After a short time they went to live in the Barrett house which later burned, and which stood on the site of the present Isaac Knight house. That old double tenement house was said to have been built by a Barker and owned by a Prescott. At the time it was destroyed by fire, Feb 5-1917, it was owned by Bartlett Prescott.

Dr. Marsh built his own big house as a residence for himself and family and here he had his medical office as well as his home. The last member of his family to occupy it was his daughter, Mrs Amanda (Marsh) Reynolds. The house was built in 1879, the same year that the store on the corner of Bedford Road and Lowell Street was burned, the store then being owned by Artemas Parker. The Marsh house, sometimes called "Marsh's Folly" was thus given an extended view of the center of the town, and gave it an imposing appearance from the busiest section of the town.

Before Dr. Marsh came here, John Jacobs was the town dentist. He owned a pair of iron forceps with which he accomplished this dentistry, but when Dr. Marsh arrived, he passed over his practice and also the forceps, his stock in trade, to him, and they are now in the historical room at the Gleason Library, being a gift from Palmer Marsh, son of Dr. Marsh.

Mary Amanda Marsh married Edward W. Reynolds, a Civil War soldier but they did not live together many years. He was son of Jabez and Lydia D. Reynolds of Wilmington, Mass. They lived in Carlisle in the Wilkins-MacDougall house at one time. Jabez, a butcher, was born in Wilmington and died in Carlisle, Oct. 17-1883 aged 77 yrs 3 m. 29 days, son of Freegrace and Anna ( ) Reynolds. Freegrace Reynolds was born in Somers, Conn. and his wife Anna, in Wilmington, Mass. Edward W. Reynolds is buried in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Concord.

Mrs Reynolds, before her marriage, was in business in Lowell at one time, where she designed and made hair jewelry, a popular fad of the day. Her business card read:

Chaste designs of jewelry,
Made of hair — assuredly,
Same as with the orders left.
Gold the finest; work the nicest;
Choice the style — of all the choicest
Made by fingers deft.
Miss M. A. Marsh
103 Merrimack Street.
Lowell, Feb. 5-1873.

Some of her very interesting work can be seen in the case at the Gleason Public Library, in the Historical Room.

Miss Marsh became an accomplished musician and played in Lowell and Carlisle churches for a great many years. And for more than forty years was local correspondent for the Lowell Journal and Lowell-Courier-Citizen.

In her advanced years she made her home in Concord at the Blackburn Rest Home, where she died Aug 26 – 1938, being 98 years of age. She was born in Carlisle June 12 – 1840. She rests in Green Cemetery with her parents, Dr. & Mrs Marsh.

Susie S. Marsh married Arthur Morse of Lowell, and their three daughters were all musical and became members of a Ladies Philharmonic Orchestra which was considered a very fine brass quartette. Miss S. Ella Morse played the cornet. She married Dr. Charles G. Peke and resides in Wellesley, Mass. Miss Grace May Morse, then of Dorchester, played the first horn. She married June 8 – 1910, Henry Pennell Frank, son of Hon. M. P. Frank of Portland, Maine, and resides in Yarmouth, Maine. Miss Alice F. Morse, who played the second horn, m. Mr John W. Stott of Buckshoe, N. Y.

Stories are told of Dr. Marsh in his later years. He wore a heavy gray shawl and red tippett when driving in the winter time. It was cold business jogging along with a horse.

Edward W. Reynolds died in Concord, Mass. He was b. in Concord, March 13 – 1837, being one of seven children born to Jabez and Lydia (Damon) Reynolds. The family moved from Concord to Carlisle. While a resident of town in his younger years, Edward was engaged in the meat business, conducted and drove an express between Carlisle and Lowell and was mail carrier for several years. He was a Civil War veteran and member of the G. A. R. Post 180 of Concord.

1. Alice Morse, m. John W. Stott of Luckahoe, N. Y.
2. Grace Morse, m. Henry P. Frank, June 8-1910
3. Ella Morse, m. Dr. Charles G. Pike
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BOSTON SUNDAY POST, AUGUST 5, 1934

# MARSH SOLE SURVIVOR OF G. A. R. POST

## So Medford Man Is Holder of All Its Offices

After avoiding them for close to 30 years, George P. Marsh of 31 Pleasant street, Medford, has finally been forced to assume the responsibilities of office in A. L. Lawrence Post, 66, G. A. R. He was elected by fate. There was no one else. Now, he is not only commander but everything else as well. He is the post, for the last of his comrades in Medford died recently and left him the burden to bear alone.

### PREFERS TO BE PRIVATE

It has been his preference during these years to remain just a private, "to be one of the comrades, but to let someone else bear the honors and run things." Yet this does not mean that he has not taken an active part in the brotherhood of veterans, for during his residence in Melrose, prior to his coming to Medford, he was commander of U. S. Grant Post, 4, for four consecutive years.

Mr. Marsh was born in Carlisle, in 1846, and when the Civil War started was 14 years old. With a twinkle in his eye he recalls how "a man in a blue uniform came down to the general store one night in quest of recruits for the army. We boys were bewitched by the buttons and stripes.

I asked if I might go as drummer boy. He advised me to stick to school. It was three years later before I succeeded in joining. During the last year of the war I saw service along the Virginia frontier. I was 17 at that time and enlisted with the "24th Massachusetts Unattached Company," as it was called. Afterwards this contingent was consolidated into the "4th Massachusetts Heavy Artillery."

GEORGE P. MARSH
Last survivor of the A. L. Lawrence Post, G. A. R., of Medford.

### Says Sports Overdone

The rising generation of youth is not up to the mark, in the opinion of Mr. Marsh, who has seen several generations struggle and survive. It is lacking in the push and pep needed to meet life's problems, he thinks, because too much time is devoted to sports. Their rabid enthusiasm for big league baseball, particularly, together with an over-developed interest in football, wrestling, and boxing, is not appropriate to the proper development of real men. Their indulgence in these pastimes is overdone, he says.

Now when he was young, the boys had their sports, too, but they were different. They were of a practical nature. Boys had to help in the fields, swinging a scythe, or a hoe, filling the barn before they thought of such "empty" things as employ the minds of today's youth. This excessive interest is, he believes, the greatest detriment to the young.

The last survivor of the G. A. R. in Medford is a lonely man of 88 years, who has watched 150 comrades of the local G. A. R. post go before him since they returned from the battlefields of the South. But he has enjoyed life, he says, and although he lacks the pep of former years, and misses his buddies who have "gone west," he expects to enjoy it "for a few more years, anyway."

## George P. Marsh, Medford, Last of G. A. R. Post

1935

George P. Marsh, last member of the General S. C. Lawrence Post, G. A. R., died last night at his home, 31 Pleasant street, Medford, where for some time he was the only Civil War veteran.

Mr. Marsh was born in Carlisle in 1846, and when the Civil War began he was fourteen years old. In spite of his youth, he attempted to join the Union Army as a drummer, but did not succeed until three years later, when he enlisted with the "24th Massachusetts Unattached Company," as it was called. Later the outfit was consolidated with the 4th Massachusetts Heavy Artillery. Since his return from the battlefields Mr. Marsh had outlived 150 comrades of the Medford G. A. R. Post.

He was twice married. His first wife was Mrs. Grace A. (Butler) Marsh, and his second was Mrs. Anna (Olyer) Marsh. Only a sister, who lives in Carlisle, survives him. He worked for many years as a supervisor in the Lawrence woolen mills, and later he was in the tailoring business in Boston.

## GEORGE P. MARSH

1935

George P. Marsh, 89, who was the last surviving member of Gen. Samuel C. Lawrence post of the Grand Army, died at his home, 31 Pleasant street, Medford, Thursday night, after a long illness. Mr. Marsh had outlived 150 comrades of the Medford post.

Funeral services will be held this morning at 9 o'clock when a solemn high mass of requiem will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Church, Medford. Burial will be at Chesterfield, N. H.

Mr. Marsh was born in Carlisle and when the civil war started he was only 14 years old. He tried several times to enlist as a drummer boy but was unsuccessful, but after three years managed to get into the "24th Massachusetts Unattached Company," as it was known. The outfit was later consolidated with the 4th Massachusetts heavy artillery company. For many years he was employed as a supervisor in the Lawrence Mills and afterwards was a tailor in Boston.

His only relative is a sister who lives in Carlisle.

Photographs made and given by Mrs. Ruth C. Wilkins.